

Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting
September 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM
Meeting held via Zoom

Those present, via Zoom: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Peter Lev, Gero Verheyen, Ranger Jonathan Wood

Treasurer's Report:

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 38,628.13

Total Current Assets 38,628.13

Fixed Assets 430,372.98

TOTAL ASSETS 469,001.11

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities 79,484.00

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Equity 389,517.11

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Staff Report: Jonathan said the Fall program listing will be out soon. Art on the Trail Meet the Artists is being evaluated. Friday walks continue. Weds. "take a break" hikes are planned; Balt. County is leaving Wednesdays open for meetings, one-on-one instruction, etc. A "Virtual S'mores" series of videos is planned. Wreath making, one of the most popular programs, is planned as an in-person program. A take-home option with video guidance may be added if in-person sessions fill up.

Membership Committee: 219 members. Jeffrey set up a virtual meeting with Melody McKinley, an individual that in the past has been involved with Outdoor Afro and a significant advocate of increase patron diversity in regard to embracing and enjoying nature. Jeffrey, Kurt and Carlton represented LRNC. Melody had some questions about our desire to get African-Americans volunteering in the park and serving on the Board. How do we market? What value does it bring to be on the Board? How many people of color are on the website? Melody said if she doesn't see Black people on the website it would not initial trigger her to come and visit the park as that it would give the impress the park is not diverse.

Carlton is trying to add a diversity element to Blue Water Baltimore. There might be a way to collaborate with that group.

Environmental Committee: Elise Butler is stepping down as Chair of EHP effective in November. We talked about new leadership for that committee without reaching a conclusion. Peter and Kurt volunteered to co-lead a meeting of the EHP committee, perhaps in October, to brief committee members on recent developments and get them re-involved in the park.

Peter said that we need to cut Miscanthus seedpods in the Serpentine to limit year-to-year encroachment of these plants. Peter and Kurt decided on Sep. 20 as the date. Jeffrey said he would create a SignUp Genius request for volunteers. Jeffrey will write a narrative and Kurt will edit, as needed.

Trails Committee: Gero thanked Jeffrey for giving him keys to the storage area and most of the equipment. A few more keys are needed.

Recreation Committee: Gero reported the Fall Donut Run has been canceled. Donut Run has a large social component that is hard to do well during the pandemic. There is a canoe outing on Sep. 20. Gero talked about getting drone footage of the canoes on the lake.

Howdy is now head of this committee. Gero said he would check with Howdy before the next EC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants: Kurt said we need documentation on how grants were spent before the end of November.

Nominating Committee: Before the meeting, Peter distributed one-paragraph bios of the people who are new candidates for Board membership: McKay Jenkins, Dorothea Langford, Lissa Rotundo, and Steve Bruno. Peter asked that any additional suggestions for Board candidates should get to him by Sep. 14.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev.