

Lake Roland Nature Council
Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Meeting held via Zoom

Board Members Present: Kurt Davis, Howdy Knipp, Jeffrey Budnitz, Christine Corbitt, Dwight Johnson, Lydia Redding, Gero Verheyen, Peter Lev, Marc Klein, Rick North, Jim Flannery

Also Present: Ranger Jonathon Wood, Kay McConnell, Kimberly Warren, Steve Bruno

President Kurt Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of August 2020 Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 39,369.37

Total Current Assets 39,369.37

Fixed Assets 430,372.98

TOTAL ASSETS 469,742.35

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities 79,484.00

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Equity 390,258.35

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Staff Report:

Jonathan reported on a mix of live and virtual programming. The live program Campfire Stories is popular, so we will be using both campfires with a storyteller at each. The Virtual Smores program continues. 30 people so far have signed up for the Halloween scavenger hunt. We also have a rock and paint program (painting on rocks) with a Halloween theme.

The January to April calendar is being written now. If you want to lead a hike or another program during this period, contact Jonathan before Nov. 1.

Committee Reports:

Environmental and Historic Preservation— Peter Lev said the Serpentine meadow is very beautiful this year; he recommended that Board members visit. On Sep. 27, 6 people cut miscanthus seedpods in the Serpentine, but there is now another crop. Peter asked for help

cutting seedpods on Oct. 23 or 24; Dwight volunteered to help on Oct. 23. Peter said that the meadow will be mowed on Dec. 5.

Paw Point—Jeffrey Budnitz. Memberships for 2020 have been closed out at 901 (members, not dogs). 2 early registration walkups for 2021 will be held in November. Paw Point looks great right now—the hiatus because of Covid-19 helped get the area in shape. Kurt said that holes within the Paw Point enclosure are a maintenance problem; he asked that owners try to limit dogs digging.

Trails Committee—Gero reported the Memorial Tree program is going well. The first 2 trees celebrate 1. A 5-year wedding anniversary and 2. A couple to be married at the end of November. Gero and Jeffrey will be working on the Pink Trail on Oct. 25.

Recreation Committee—Howdy asked Board members to be more pro-active, to see what they can contribute to programming.

Membership—Jeffrey said a new membership cycle will start next month.

Old Business:

Website: Jeffrey asked all Board members to familiarize themselves with the wealth of material on the website, especially in the area of committee assignments or interests (e. g., environmental, trails, Paw Point, etc.).

Trail behind Nature Center: Kurt said work continues on this trail. Some mulch has been laid at the beginning of the trail—it starts near the Nature Center. Kurt invited Board members to take a look.

New Leadership for EHP Committee: Elise Butler is stepping down from chairing this committee, and from Board membership, as of November 2020. Kurt announced we are looking for a new chair of the committee. Gero suggested that EHP could be split into an Environmental Committee and a separate Historical Preservation Committee.

Annual Meeting: Peter said that we usually elect Board members at the Annual Meeting in November. This year the Annual Meeting will be online. LRNC members will vote before the Annual Meeting, via Survey Monkey, so that results can be announced at the meeting. Officers will also be elected—only Board members can vote--on Survey Monkey. Kurt is preparing the ballot. Peter noted that 4 currently serving Board members have agreed to be renominated, and 5 new candidates have been chosen by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommends voting for all 9 individuals. Officer nominees are Vice President: Gero Verheyen; Treasurer: Jeffrey Budnitz; and Secretary: Peter Lev.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev