

**Lake Roland Nature Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**August 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

Those present, via Zoom: Kurt Davis, Jeffrey Budnitz, Peter Lev, Beth Hoker, Gero Verheyen, Steve Bruno

Kurt Davis convened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 96,717.12

Total Current Assets 96,717.12

Fixed Assets 442,069.29

Total Assets 538,786.41

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities 79,484.00

Total Current Liabilities 79,484.00

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Equity 459,302.41

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 538,786.41**

Staff Report: Jonathan Wood was on vacation, but he emailed a report to Kurt Davis. There are no new Covid restrictions. Mud Day is coming up on May 8. On Johnathan's last day in the office there were about 35 people signed up. This event has 3 leaders, volunteer help at the registration, and Board member Roger Gookin to help set up. The participants will be broken up into groups as they arrive.

October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Nature Quest Festival from 12 to 2 pm.

Jonathan is in favor of the informal meetup for Board members suggested by Howdy Knipp. He will reserve a pavilion for us as needed.

The evaporator stand/oven for maple sugaring needs repair or replacement. If anyone can help with this, please get in touch with Jonathan.

Membership Committee: 160 members.

Environmental Committee: Nothing new to report.

Historical Preservation: No report.

Paw Point: 1026 tags.

Trails Committee: The 2 bridges on the Nature Center Trail have been completed. The 2 nodes on this trail, structures are complete, next step is to build railings.

There was a letter in the Baltimore Sun about a hole on the Red Trail. Trails Committee would like to fix the hole and do other maintenance on the Red Trail, but this requires getting safe access and materials to the Falls Rd. parking area adjacent to the Red Trail and through the Red Trail gate at that location. Community members have resisted reserving any space for maintenance vehicles and materials. Sen. Shelly Hettleman is trying to organize a Zoom call of local officials to help solve this problem.

LRNC received an inquiry about the launching boats near the dam. Long-term we hope to have a floating boat launch in this area. At the moment, someone bringing a canoe or kayak to the dock should use the paved trail rather than walking down a gully.

Jeffrey ordered a double trash receptacle to go in front of the Nature Center.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Covid-19 Memorial: Lake Roland has been chosen as the location for a monument honoring the victims of Covid-19. Kurt is on a committee of 8 making decisions on the monument. It will be located on the peninsula near the new pavilion. An international call for proposals drew 70 applicants. 3 artists have now been selected to submit full-scale plans.

NEW BUSINESS: The EC discussed Howdy Knipp's suggestion for an informal meetup of Board members using one of the pavilions. All were in favor. We need to figure out a date and send invitations. Perhaps a Saturday afternoon in early September?

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Peter Lev