

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4th at 6:30 PM
Meeting held at the Nature Center/via Zoom (TBD)**

Meeting convened at 6:34 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero (chair), Jeffrey, Kurt, Kurt, Carlton, Beth

Visitors: Ben Porter (Balt. County), Rob Hart (new Park Ranger II)

1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

Notes from April 6th were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

May 4, 22

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings 173,451.94

Total Current Assets 173,451.94

Fixed Assets 477,030.26

TOTAL ASSETS 650,482.20

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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Annual audit is going smoothly and will be completed by May 4.

3. Staff Report

Rob Hart

Rob Hart was introduced as a new Ranger II (replacement for Jonathan). The two Ranger I positions will have interviews conducted in mid-May. Rob provided the staff update, as follows:

Master naturalist presentations were conducted today.

Program meeting will be May 5 from 2-4pm.

Volunteer signups will be completed shortly.

45,000 people visited the park in April.

4. Membership Committee

Jeffrey Budnitz

The Park currently has 163 members, plus additional applications to process.

5. Environmental

Gero Verheyen

Jeffrey and Peter are coordinating on equipment to do miscanthus removal (dye marking and spraying) in the NW section of the Park.

6. Historical Preservation

Gero Verheyen

Gero mentioned the historical preservation work that was discussed at the last board meeting. This included ground penetrating radar in the cemetery.

7. Paw Point

Beth Hoker

We currently have 838 members, on track for a record number of members this year.

8. Trails

Jeffrey and Gero

Jeffrey discussed the lumber order for repairs to the steps leading to red trail, as well as trail repair projects more generally. As per trails update circulated 5/2, Jeffrey conducted outreach to Cromwell Valley Park to help with surface reparation to one of the access trails to prevent mobility issues. A dead tree was also removed from the red trail breezeway last Friday that posed potential danger to park patrons were it to fall on the trail.

9. Recreation

Gero Verheyen

The recreation program calendar is up to date.

10. Old Business

Kyle is working with Blue Water Baltimore to determine a date for the planned joint event on water quality and related issues.

Kurt discussed Art on the Trail project updates. All installations should be in the Park by this coming weekend and the art show will be conducted as planned. Kurt is researching signage options for art installations.

11. New Business