

**Lake Roland Nature Council
Executive Committee Meeting
October 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Meeting held via Zoom**

Meeting convened at 6:32 pm.

Executive Committee Member present: Gero (chair), Jeffrey, Matt, Beth, Bill, Steve

1. Approval of prior EC Meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Jeffrey Budnitz

Oct 3, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	91,329.17
Total Current Assets	91,329.17
Fixed Assets	590,854.78
TOTAL ASSETS	682,183.95

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity 682,183.95

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3. Staff Report

Matt Hand

- A new ranger started recently.
- The gate house is undergoing repairs. The roof will eventually be replaced.
- We have a new trail map from Baltimore County Planning. The new kingfisher trail was added to the second node. The trail along the light rail tracks was lightened to show up more clearly for patrons.
- There was a vandalism incident on Monday in which people painted initials on a tree. The patrons were reported and escorted out by the police. Matt is deciding whether or not to press charges.

4. Membership Committee

Jeffrey Budnitz

- We currently have 139 members.
- Gero recognized the Membership Committee for the fantastic work they did on the new membership flyer.

5. Environmental

Gero Verheyen

- Gero noted that the committee approved the updated timeline for Roger Latham's project.

6. Historical Preservation

Bill Hokemeyer

- Bill noted that he and Aaron will get together to invite volunteers to get together.
- Gero asked Bill to provide an update to the EC on the interest expressed from a new Towson professor regarding the GPR data. Aaron will follow up.

7. Paw Point

Beth Hoker

- We have 1,001 members currently.
- A cleanup was conducted on Sunday with excellent participation. The entrance landslide area has been repaired. Multiple areas were weeded.
- Starting Dec 1, we will begin renewing 2024 members and begin accepting new applications.

8. Trails

Jeffrey and Gero

- Jeffrey noted that we have some concrete work coming up in the next few weeks that needs to be completed before the benches can be installed.

9. Recreation

Steve Bruno, Matt Hand

- Upcoming programs: Plant Invader Hike (Oct 7), Let's Get Batty (Oct 13), and Now That's a Big Tree (Oct 15).
- Matt is working on NatureQuest preparations; hopefully access won't be impacted by the gate house renovations. Matt reached out to Balt. County's water quality office to see if they could speak on water quality.
- We are finalizing our program schedule for Bal County Rec and Parks.

10. Old Business

- Annual meeting planning:
 1. Annual meeting date.
 2. Annual meeting speaker.
 3. Slate of officers for next year, any individuals on the board that should be brought up to the EC.
 4. Recognizing outgoing board members.
 5. Status of current officers for next year.
- The meeting will take place at the Nature Center on Nov 15.
- Gero noted the need to bring new members onto the Board, possibly starting with highly active volunteers.
- Gero also asked for EC members to think of current Board members who would be a good fit for the EC and the VP slot. All members present agreed to stay on the EC for the upcoming year.

11. New Business