

01/07/10 Wildlife Management Committee Minutes

Approved

Present:

Helena Arouca
Nancy Avers
Jean DeMarco
Elaine Hagley
Patrick O'Rourke
Valerie Palamountain
Ellen Peterson
Gene Rella

Guests: Tom Boisvert

Don Fickes
Randal Watkins
Carolyn Brown

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Jean DeMarco made a correction to the minutes regarding her report. Gene Rella made the motion that the minutes of 11/5/09 be approved. Elaine Hagley seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

1. Member/Guest Comments

Carolyn Brown presented the Chair with thanks and gifts from the Newcomers Club.

Don Fickes stated that there was no provision in the bylaws to elect an Assistant Chair, but the WMC could elect co-chairs.

Randal Watkins commented that no minutes had been posted since June or July 2009. Jean DeMarco stated that the minutes were not approved since June 2009. Nancy moved that the minutes of July 23, 2009, September 3, 2009 and October 1, 2009 be sent forward unapproved. Jean seconded.

Yes: 7

Abstain:1 (Gene Rella)

Randal asked if the WMC represented the community and had equal representation.

Helena Arouca presented questions from a resident who wished to remain anonymous.

Ellen Peterson had no comments.

Nancy Avers had no comments.

Jean DeMarco stated that we need to be conscious of how the community perceives the WMC and that the committee not be dismissive. Jean responded to Patrick's question at the 11/05/09 meeting regarding the total cost for the PZP contraceptive vaccine and dart. For the record, the total cost is \$26.50. The cost of the dart gun depends upon the vendor and can be reused.

Valerie Palamountain thanked the Newcomers Club for their gifts and support, and thanked the WMC members for their support since September, 2009. Valerie also stated that the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries encouraged Lake Monticello to submit a proposal for contraception. Valerie also stated that other groups are interested in giving educational programs in cooperation with the WMC.

2. Old Business

Patrick stated that Nancy and Gene would moderate the Bow Hunting and Sharpshooting presentation. Patrick stated that no questions would be taken from the floor during presentation. Valerie stated that questions were taken from the floor during the Prevention and Contraception

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presentation, and recommended that questions be taken to encourage free speech. Written questions will be taken during the presentation.

Tom Boisvert reminded that the presentation is an educational program and not a debate.

Patrick asked Jean to help with reviewing the questions.

Valerie read the email from Peggy Alexander stating that the members of the WMC cannot speak to the media. Everyone on the committee understood that they were not authorized to speak to the media.

3. Reports

Jean asked for the status of the subcommittee that was to develop a process for the Wildlife Incident Reports. Valerie turned over the WIRs to Patrick. Ellen stated that we no longer accept WIRs. There was no written documentation to process the WIRs. The subcommittee, chaired by Patrick, will report back to the WMC at the February 4, 2010 meeting.

4. New Business

Nancy requested that any plans for 2010 be tabled until the BOD gives the WMC a sense of direction. Don stated that the BOD is asking what the WMC wants to do. Don recommended that the WMC Charter 3.C. be rewritten. Don would like to keep the WMC as an active committee, but focus on education.

Gene moved that the WMC keep the committee as is. Ellen seconded. Yes: 5 (Nancy, Ellen, Gene, Patrick, Elaine)

No: 3 (Jean, Helena, Valerie)

5. Election

Elaine moved that there be two co-chairs. Ellen seconded. Yes: 5

No: 2 (Patrick, Nancy)

Abstain: 1 (Helena)

Helena nominated Valerie as co-chair. Elaine seconded.

Nancy nominated Patrick as co-chair. Elaine seconded.

Ellen nominated Nancy as co-chair. Gene seconded.

Patrick and Valerie were elected as co-chairs.

There being no other business, Jean moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. Helena seconded. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7pm in the Terrace Game Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Palamountain
Secretary/Chair