

03/04/10 Wildlife Management Committee Minutes

Present:

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

Absent

Jean DeMarco

Guests:

Don Fickes – BOD
Sam Hagley
Randal Watkins
Pam Wells

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Patrick welcomed the attendees.
3. Agenda was approved as presented with correction on the date.
4. Nancy stated that member comments should not be included in the minutes. Valerie stated that at the 2/22/10 meeting with the committee chairs, the BOD specifically requested comments from members and residents. Don stated that the person taking minutes must summarize the comments. Ellen suggested that we record the name of the guest, lot and section but no comments. Helena suggested that the comments be recorded and read during the meeting for insertion into the minutes. Elaine suggested that the topic of the comments be included. Pat made the motion that we table the discussion about member comments, and he will contact the BOD for clarification. Ellen seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.
5. Changes to the minutes were made. It was approved to keep Jean DeMarco's phone number on the website as the contact person for the Waynesboro Center. Gene moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Valerie seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
6. Board of Directors Update

Don Fickes stated that he was "underwhelmed" by the response to serve on the ad hoc committees. Jean DeMarco and Helena Arouca were nominated for the contraception ad hoc committee. Gene Rella was nominated by both Patrick and Valerie (co-chairs) for the deer herd control ad hoc committee. Patrick nominated Nancy Avers for the deer herd control ad hoc committee. Valerie nominated herself for the deer herd control ad hoc committee. Don suggested that the co-chairs each select two people to serve on each of the ad hoc committees.

7. Member/Guest Comments

No comments.

8. Wildlife Incident Report Process

Elaine reported that Jean submitted a draft of the new WIR as a check-off form, and felt that it looked good.

Nancy has all of the old incident reports.

9. New Business

Patrick announced the road closing on Jefferson on Friday, 3/5/10, for clean up. Patrick distributed the 2010 committee chairs contact list.

Patrick asked if anyone was willing to volunteer to be the secretary for 2010. Valerie agreed to continue as secretary. There were no objections from the other committee members.

Ellen presented the grant opportunity from the Doris Duke Foundation. Due date is March 26, 2010. BOD approval would be required to apply for the grant. Ellen will thank the Foundation for sending us the information, but we will not submit a proposal.

The deer count in September 2007 was 28 on the golf course, which was averaged over 3 nights. The deer count in October 2009 was 31 on the golf course, which was one night. Patrick recommended that the deer count be done from mid-September through December. Valerie recommended that the WMC contact Brian Moyer to request a written methodology and training. Ellen handed out a two-phase deer count methodology. Valerie recommended that Ellen's methodology be submitted to VGIF for approval. Ellen will send an electronic version of the methodology to be forwarded to VGIF.

No fencing policy has been submitted to the WMC to review.

Valerie asked that all members and visitors send their educational ideas to compile a list. The WMC will decide at the next meeting the educational offerings for 2010.

There being no other business, Helena moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Elaine seconded. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7pm in the Terrace Game Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Palamountain
Co-Chair/Secretary