

## 04/08/10 Wildlife Management Committee Minutes

### Present:

Helena Arouca  
Jean DeMarco  
Patrick O'Rourke

Valerie Palamountain  
Gene Rella

### Absent

Nancy Avers  
Elaine Hagley

Ellen Peterson

### Guests:

Mary Pon

Tom Boisvert

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.
  2. Patrick welcomed the attendees.
  3. Agenda was approved as presented.
  4. Gene moved to approve the minutes of 03/04/10. Jean seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
  5. Board of Directors Update  
No update. There has been no action on the ad hoc committees to date.
  6. Member/Guest Comments  
No comments.
  7. Wildlife Incident Report Process  
Paddy will call a meeting of the subcommittee before the May WMC meeting.
  8. New Business

**Deer Count:** Nelson LeFon from VGIF recommended that deer counts should be mid-August through mid-September for a pre-hunt count. Jean moved that the deer count be done three different times between mid-August through early-October using Brian Moyer's proposed route which has been used in the past. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Educational Programs:** Valerie submitted three categories for educational programs: Gardening with Wildlife; Interactions between People and Wildlife; and Fencing, and suggested that we have three programs with one from each category. Jean moved that the WMC contact Master Gardeners to deliver a program on Gardening with Wildlife in April-May, 2010. Helena seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Jean made a motion that the WMC contact VGIF, the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro and Laura Lanza to offer a program on interaction with wildlife in the fall. Patrick seconded. The vote was 4 in favor. Gene Rella abstained. Patrick recommended that we delay a program on Fencing until after the BOD has revised the policy.

**Fencing:** BOD submitted a fencing policy to Paddy to be reviewed. It will be distributed before the May meeting.

**Meeting Time:** Gene moved that we table the meeting time discussion. Patrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Trapping:** Jean brought up the topic of humane trapping of nuisance animals. Jean made the motion that the Wildlife Management Committee recommend that all trapping of muskrats or other nuisance animals be by the most humane method of trapping as determined by the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Helena seconded. The motion passed with 4 votes. Gene Rella voted no.
- There being no other business, Gene moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Patrick seconded. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7pm in the Terrace Game Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Palamountain  
Co-Chair/Secretary