

**Lake & Wildlife Executive Meeting**  
**Monday, May 5, 2025**  
**Club Tamarack- Fireside Room**

**Call to Order:** Brian called the meeting to order at 3:28 pm.

**Roll Call: Present** - Brian Vassar, Denise McCabe, Carolyn LaHatte, Dara Sinclair, Mason Holland, Miguel Rodriguez, Andy Kidd, Travis Bryan, Arty Allen

**Absent** – Jim White, Calvert Huffines, LuAnn Chambers

**Visitors** – Kim Stewart, Fred McLam

**Opening Reports:**

**Review and approval of April Executive Minutes:** Andy made a motion to approve the April minutes; all approved.

**Review and approval of April Finance Report:** Denise distributed the April finance report along with the 2025 full budget and YTD actuals. The ending checkbook balance was \$20,142.22. Andy made a motion to approve the April minutes; all approved.

**Partners Meeting Presentations:**

**May** – 68 people attended the snake presentation including 5 new members.

**June** – Mark Warren – medicinal plants and book signing

**August** – Bill Cagle, History of Marble-The Road to Georgia Marble

**September** – Fire Safety-Michael Corey

**October** – Deb-Job fair volunteers

**November** – Miguel-fall presentation, and/or Erosion Control Education, possibly have snake presenter return

**December** – Jim Pryor

**Board Liaison Report** – Arty discussed the proposed Creekside Development. The second community meeting will be held this Thursday at 6:30 pm. The Stables were also discussed. A new stable master is in place along with electrical improvements, barn/fencing improvements, and clearing the paddocks of rocks, using volunteer labor from our community.

BTCl – Travis is waiting for the beach plan before installing the swings. Three tractor trailers full of sand will be delivered to the beach. Trail directional signs will be in place in a couple of weeks. There is concern that the erosion near the paddock is affecting the dog park.

**Mission, Vision, Planning:**

**Beach Recreation area update** – Rick will have the plan ready in June.

**Sub-Committee Updates:**

**Wildlife** – Bears and deer are active and plentiful. Wood ducks are out.

**Trails/Hiking Club** – Mason to get a small group together to place mulch on the Sallie Doss trail. Mulch has already been spread around the Creef Memorial Tree. Jan Jeffcoat and hiking volunteers to lead 2 hikes on June 30 for Youth Fest.

**Special Projects** – Memorial Garden Trail – Travis to pull the footbridge and put up a closed sign on the trail by the waterfall. Need a recommendation from Jim Pryor on how to proceed.

Youth Fest – Brian to hold 2 sessions on “Meet the Creek” for ages 7-10 and ages 10-15.

**Fundraising** – Tamarack Treasurers – TT had a tremendous spring sale with total revenues of \$11,329 and a net profit of \$8,881. Congrats to Deb White and her faithful crew of volunteers!!!

Hanging Baskets – Net profit from sales amounted to \$1,490.

**KBTB** – volunteers needed for May plantings and mulch spreading.

Community Garden – Kim Stewart distributed the BT Community Garden Guidelines to the team for review. The Gardens will be located on the upper east side of the quarry and will be managed by the L&W sub-committee under KBTB. KBTB will provide the raised bed garden structures, hoses and access to the water in the quarry. Annual rental fee of \$60 to be paid by the gardener for use of a 4x8’ raised bed. L&W will add the quarry water to its water testing schedule. Only natural or organic pesticides will be used in the Gardens. Miguel made a motion to approve the Gardens; all approved.

**Habitat Conservation** – Dara would like to purchase a small lawnmower and blade (battery operated) to help with the maintenance in the natural habitat areas. Dara will email Brian regarding the purchase.

**Communications** – nothing new to report.

**Lakes and Streams** – fish feeders are working well. Streambank work on Mulligan is stalled for now due to heavy rains.

**Special Events** – Miguel to check for volunteers before officially cancelling the Fish Fry.

**Sunshine** – two get well cards were mailed in April.

**Adjournment:** 5:19 pm