

Lake & Wildlife Executive Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024

Club Tamarack- Fireside Room

Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Brian Vassar, Rick Patterson, Denise McCabe, Carolyn LaHatte, Andy Kidd, Dara Sinclair, Elden Bonnette, Mary Ada Kidd, Mason Holland, Calvert Huffines, Arty Allen, Travis Bryan, Sandra Stewart

Absent – LuAnn Chambers

Visiting – Michael Kahn, Ralph Morse

Opening Reports:

Review and approval of August Executive Minutes: Rick moved to approve the August minutes as published; all approved.

Review and approval of August Finance Report: Denise distributed the August Treasurer's summary with an ending bank/checkbook balance of \$13,057.60. Andy moved to approve the report; all approved.

Partners Meeting Presentations:

September – great report by Elden on the UGA deer survey, deer count history, along with an estimation of the number of deer currently in our community. Ken reported on deer wasting disease which is present in other areas of the country. About 60 members were in attendance.

October – Paul Slovisky from Tigris to discuss silt effects and dredging. Encourage board members to attend.

November – Chris Feldt's presentation on Moonshine around Bent Tree.

December – Jim Pryor's year-end report.

Board Liaison Report – Sandra discussed the paper ballots and the electronic ballots from Voteegrity that were sent out to the community. There are two ways to vote...online or by mail. There is a ballot initiative for changing the reallocation of funds for roads and water. Board budget meetings will be held on October 15, 22, and 29. Residents are to submit any changes for the directory by November 1.

Capital Expense Budgets – Brian to submit to board by September 10 expenses that BTCI will need to fund.

\$10,000- fishery for lake, added habitat and ugly trees, feeders and fish planting-bluegill & crayfish. (Huff put together \$10,000 in private donations to match the requested \$10,000 and submitted to Melissa)

\$150,000- (includes \$75,000 that was set aside) Mulligan streambank restoration and removal of silt from 2 ponds on golf course, Sallie Doss and Rocky Creek.

\$10,000- set aside to remove pines from the beach and Sallie Doss area as part of Habitat Conservation.

\$2,000- for 10 new banquet tables for the rec room

BTCI – Travis reported that there are 14-18 resident geese on the lake and expect the number to increase in October due to migrating geese.

Mission, Vision, and 5-year Plan – beach recreation area committee chair/members-Rick has received a few suggestions on the beach, kids' area, boat docks and a performance deck for concerts-work in progress getting ideas from residents.

Executive team positions/organization plan for 2025 - looking to fill openings for Rick, Mary Ada, LuAnn, and Elden who have served our organization for many, years. Ralph suggested contacting Meghan to see who regularly attends the partner meetings for possible candidates. Brian to follow up with Buddy to get the names of the other candidates who applied for Sandra's position to see if they may be interested.

Sub-Committee Updates:

Fundraising – Whispering Springs sale date is September 13 and 14. Let Denise know if you can volunteer for a shift. 10% of the proceeds go to L&W. Tamarack Treasures collections will run from November 4-6.

Dara suggested possibly trying a new way to raise funds by establishing a L&W Fund where donors would commit to giving \$20/25 per month to support a specific project in L&W (trails, lake, general fund) maybe offer a L&W member t-shirt?

Wildlife – nothing new to report

Lakes - increased habitat having growth on the bottom of the lake. Ugly Tree Lake Drop-put in 100 Christmas trees (5 at 20 different locations); 10 feeders (3 on BT docks) working well. Ongoing needs-maintenance, adding food (bluegill, redbreast shiner), shocking study, too many little bass in the lake (remove 14" or less fish-possible fishing tournament to help accomplish this). Boat storage area-regulations on how to get rid of junk boats-no enforcement of decals on boats. Huff to develop rules and regulations on junk boats. Rick motioned; all approved.

Streams – Streambank work-this fall continuing to work on Mulligan according to Jack White's plan

Special Projects – Chestnut Cove parking railing to be completed in 4-5 weeks. Rick to discuss with Deb the Admin Building basement lower door cement pad/walkway. Nothing is currently planned for the remaining work at Sallie Doss stream. No plan yet for the trail work at walk to dock at Lake Pavilion with Building and Grounds. Project maintenance will be completed by Rick, Art, and James. Some maintenance may go back to certain committees.

Special Events – employee luncheon date has been changed to Wednesday, October 30. Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, serve, set up and clean up for this event. LuAnn to step down as chair beginning in January but is willing to assist the new chairperson with the events.

Habitat Conservation – Habitat Ad Hoc Committee-Rick and Dara to present to board an encompassing plan to include actions taken over the past 2-3 years, actions to come, and a document for residents explaining our natural habitat and vision.

Trails – Coffee Cove-discussed possibly using heavy equipment for parking/trail which would make more of a road-need proposed route for trail and more info before proceeding further.
-Chestnut Cove-orange trail is blazed out; ideas proposed for this trail include extending the orange trail to Eagles Rest-look at this in the winter. Mason getting the signs made for the kiosk.

Hiking Club Leadership – Mason would be willing to support this for a trail basis (one year) and have the hiking club roll up under Trails. This would be communicated in Friday News, promoting L&W. However, there needs to be an overall coordinator for the group. As it stands, there is one meeting a year to determine who will lead each monthly hike. Each monthly leader organizes a hike, pre-hikes the trail, writes an article for the ECHO, and sends emails to the hiking group about that hike. Mason is considering coordinating a November hike which would include hiking all the Chestnut Cove trails.

KBTB – \$1033 left in BTCL donations for fall plantings which will take place on October 25 at 8:00 am to plant at Cove Road, Admin, and the back gate. \$800 left in L&W account to replace 75 red bows for holiday decorating. Teams to get together within the next month to make the bows. Andy, Travis, and Ashley will meet to come up with a plan to landscape the cottage area once it has been renovated in the spring. Landscaping needs to be safe since it is near the bus stop area, low maintenance, as well as deer resistant.

Communications – nothing new to report

Sunshine – 4 cards mailed in August; 2 get well and 2 sympathy cards.

Membership Support – 600 plus hours by our volunteers YTD.

Adjournment: 5:30 pm