

Final Meeting Minutes

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room
Henrico, VA 23228

January 10, 2017
10:00 am

Present: Mr. Watkins Abbitt, **Chairman**, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. L. S. Caudill, Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Douglas Dear; **Director:** Mr. Robert W. “Bob” Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Major Bryan Young, Major Scott Naff, Mr. Darin Moore, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Dr. Gray Anderson.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that a quorum was present. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Douglas Dear as the new member to the Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee.

Approval of the October 19, 2016 Committee Meeting Minutes: The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 minutes of the Wildlife, Boat, & Law Enforcement Committee. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the October 19, 2016 Committee Meeting Minutes and Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Abbitt, Butterworth, Boyd, Caudill, Dear

Introduction of New Staff: The Chairman called on Mr. Bob Duncan to introduce new staff. Mr. Duncan introduced and welcomed Major Bryan Young and Major Scott Naff. Mr. Duncan called on Mr. David Whitehurst who introduced and welcomed Dr. Gray Anderson.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items: Mr. Abbitt called for Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items

- Maureen Daniels of Mineral, Virginia spoke regarding wake surfing issues statewide

Overview of public scoping for the 2017-2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Regulation Review and Amendment Process: Dr. Gray Anderson gave a presentation on the Overview of public scoping for the 2017-2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Regulation Review and Amendment Process.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Chairman called Major Scott Naff to the podium to explain “ waders/wetsuit” in Duck Hunting.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman thanked Major Naff for his information.

Staff Recommendations for 2017-2018 Migratory Waterfowl Regulations: Dr. Gary Costanzo presented Staff Recommendations for the 2017-2018 Migratory Waterfowl Regulations.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman thanked Dr. Costanzo for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion. Ms. Butterworth made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee approved to the full Board the 2017-18 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag Limit recommendations, and the Falconry season and bag limit recommendations as presented by staff, and further authorize staff to modify seasons and bag limits, if necessary, to comply with the final Federal Frameworks. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Abbitt, Caudill, Butterworth, Boyd, Dear.

Law Update: Major Naff and Major Young reported on the following:

- Academy update
- Compensation Plan
- 11,470 calls to dispatch from Oct 1 – Jan 7
- Promotions

Bureau Update: Mr. David Whitehurst reported on the following:

- Compensation and employee update
- Land Purchase update
- Boat Ramp update

Director's Report: Mr. Duncan reported on the following:

- Wildlife Foundation Reception from 5-7 pm this evening
- The new 2017 Fishing Regulations
- Waterfowl Symposium at Rice Center in the works
- Law Enforcement Promotions
- Called on Mr. Glen Askins for an update on the Wildlife Crime Help Line

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their updates. He mentioned the VA Game Warden Association 2nd Annual Dinner in Farmville on February 25, 2017. He announced that the next Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 10:00 am. Hearing no further comments the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Boswell
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