

FINAL Meeting Minutes

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

January 16, 2018
10:00 am

Present: Mr. Ryan Brown, Acting Chairman, Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Douglas Dear.
Absent: Mr. Watkins Abbitt; **Board Members:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Leon Boyd;
Executive Director: Mr. Robert W. “Bob” Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Tom Guess, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Darin Moore, Major Scott Naff, Major Bryan Young, Dr. Mike Bednarski.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that there was a quorum for today’s meeting. The Chairman welcomed staff and public in attendance to the meeting.

Approval of the August 22, 2017 and October 18, 2017 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the August 22, 2017 and the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Mr. Dear made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 and the October 18, 2017 committee meeting. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Dear.

Public Comments- Non Agenda Items: The Chairman called for Public Comments, hearing none, he moved on with the Agenda.

Director Bob Duncan welcomed Mr. Danny Smedley from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to the meeting today.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons – Federal Frameworks and Staff

Recommendations: The Chairman called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for a presentation.

Dr. Gary Costanzo presented the Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons – Federal Frameworks and Staff Recommendations.

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

The Chairman called for a motion, Ms. Butterworth made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Wildlife, Boat & Law Committee approve to the Board the 2018-2019 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. Dear. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Dear.

Preliminary Review – Aquatic Wildlife Issues: The Chairman called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a presentation.

Dr. Mike Bednarski presented the Preliminary Review – Aquatic Wildlife Issues.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Dr. Bednarski for his presentation.

Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (H.R. 4647): The Chairman called on Mr. David Whitehurst for a presentation.

Mr. Whitehurst presented the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (H. R. 4647) with a Draft Resolution Supporting the Alliance for America’s Fish and Wildlife for the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement committee to consider.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Mr. Whitehurst for his presentation.

Law Update:

Major Bryan Young reported:

- 42,000 Cad Calls
- New Trainer and Recruitment - Travis Murray
- New Basic Academy starting March 10, 2018
- MOU with DCR in progress
- Professional Standards, Internal Affairs unit in Training

Major Scott Naff reported:

- 3 new Lieutenants and 1 new Captain have been hired
- Boat, Fraud, Threat Success Rate is good
- Successful Hunting Season
- Compliments on CPO going to the Director’s office

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Major Young and Major Naff for their Law Updates.

Bureau Update: The Chairman called on Mr. David Whitehurst for the Bureau Update.

Mr. Whitehurst reported:

- His report included an update on Elk (125-150) in Buchanan County that were mostly staying within 5 to 10 miles of the original release site, with another 25-50 elk scattered across Southwest Virginia. He provided a quick update regarding the status of the elk management plan and the elk conflict resolution plan. He reported on the steps required, including public meetings to finalize the plan and present it to the Board for endorsement at the May meeting.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Mr. Whitehurst for his presentation.

Director's Report:

The Chairman called on Mr. Bob Duncan for his Director's Report.

Mr. Duncan reported on:

- Snow forecast for Wednesday, 1/17 for Board meeting, The Chairman, Ms. Claiborne offered a motion that the Board meet at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am. On Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Board meeting, it was seconded and passed.
- Short update on CWD and Deer checking for this year season.

Mr. Brown asked if there was any additional business or comments.

Ms. Butterworth had a question about Game Check Cards, since it is automatic checking she would like to have a Check Card to keep. Mr. Lee Walker advised her how to print out a check card from the Go Outdoors System.

The Chairman announced the next Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement committee meeting would be Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 10:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell
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