

Final Board Minutes

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

April 11, 2018
10:00 am

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

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 at the meeting.

Mr. Abbitt introduced Ms. Stephanie Kitchen, Legislative Liaison from the Farm Bureau who was attending today’s meeting.

Mr. Clayton Spruill arrived at 11:30 am.

Approval of the January 16, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 committee meeting. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Abbitt, Brown, Butterworth, Dear

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

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

Migratory Game Bird hunting Seasons – Federal Frameworks: The Chairman called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for a presentation.

Dr. Gary Costanzo presented the Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons – Federal Frameworks Final Staff recommendations following the Public Comment period.

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

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Brown made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat & Law Enforcement Committee approve to the full 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.

CWD Resolution: The Chairman called on Mr. Ryan Brown for presentation.

Mr. Brown presented to the committee a CWD presentation.

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

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Brown made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee approve to the full Board the CWD Resolution. It was seconded by Ms. Butterworth. Ayes: Abbitt, Brown, Dear, Butterworth

Aquatic Wildlife – Staff Recommendations: The Chairman called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a presentation.

Dr. Mike Bednarski presented the Aquatic Wildlife – Staff Recommendations.

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

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Dear made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee approve to the full Board the Aquatic Wildlife – Staff Recommendations. It was seconded by Mr. Brown. Ayes: Abbitt, Brown, Dear, Butterworth

Director’s Report: The Chairman called on Mr. Tom Guess for a report.

Mr. Tom Guess reported on the 2017 Boating Incidents and on the 2017 Legislative Update.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Mr. Guess for his updates.

Law Enforcement Updates: The Chairman called on Major Bryan Young and Major Scott Naff for updates.

Major Bryan Young announced that the 10th Basic Academy had started with 32 recruits and reported that Captain Cobb was working on Professional Standards and he announced it was Public Telecommunications Week.

Major Scott Naff reported that there were 8,000 CAD calls from January 2018 through March 2018. He reported on 3 Accommodations letters various CPO’s have received from the Public.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Major Young and Major Naff.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional business or comments, hearing none, the Chairman announced the next Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee meeting would be Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 10:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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