

FINAL Board Minutes

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

May 29, 2019
10:00 am

Present: Mr. Ryan Brown, **Chairman;** Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. G. K. Washington; **Senior Leadership Team:** Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Major Scott Naff, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Darin Moore

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today's meeting.

Approval of the March 20, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the March 20, 2019 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Ms. Butterworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 Committee meeting. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Boyd, Washington

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chairman called for Public Comments – Non-Agenda items.

- Mr. Ed Clark of Waynesboro, VA spoke regarding Changes to Regulations effecting Wildlife Rehabbers

Proposed Wildlife Division Staff Recommendations: The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Final Staff Recommendations for the Proposed Wildlife Regulations Amendments.

The Deer Recommendations were presented.

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

The Chairman called on Public Comments for Agenda Items.

- James Hackett of Disputanta, VA spoke regarding Earn A Buck in Prince George County on private lands in western Bedford, Amherst, & Nelson Counties.
- Sam Williams of Bedford, VA spoke regarding Extending General Firearms

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to recommend approval to the full Board for adoption of the Deer Regulations as presented. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, Washington

The Bear Recommendations were presented:

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

The Chairman called for Public Comments for Agenda Items.

- Mr. Sam Williams of Bedford, VA spoke regarding the overlap between the firearms bear season and the proposal to extend the firearms deer season on private land or western Bedford, Amherst, & Nelson Counties

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to recommend approval to the full Board for adoption of the Bear Regulations as presented. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, Washington

The Wild Turkey Recommendations were presented:

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

The Chairman called for Public Comments for Agenda Items:

- Mr. J. T. Byrne of Bedford, VA spoke regarding extending the Fall Turkey Season

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to recommend approval to the full Board for adoption of the Turkey Regulations as presented. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, Washington

The General, Definitions and Miscellaneous and Additional Regulations were presented:

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

The Chairman called for Public Comments for Agenda Items:

- Mr. Ed Clark of Waynesboro, VA spoke regarding Changes to Regulations effecting Wildlife Rehabbers

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to recommend approval to the full Board for adoption of the General Laws, Definitions, and Miscellaneous Regulations as presented. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, Washington

Boating Regulations Staff Recommendations: The Chairman called on Ms. Stacey Brown, Recreational Boating Safety Manager to give a presentation.

Ms. Brown gave a presentation on the Staff Recommendations to amend the Boating Regulations.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Ms. Brown for her presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chairman, the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Committee hereby recommends the boating regulations proposals as presented by staff be presented to the full Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Boyd, Washington

Boating Access Plan: The Chairman called on Mr. John Kirk for a presentation.

Mr. John Kirk presented the Boating Access Plan.

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

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Washington made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to recommend approval to the full Board for adoption of the Boating Access Plan. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Boyd, Washington

Law Update: The Chairman called on Major Scott Naff for an Update.

Major Naff reported:

- Update on Canine program

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Major Naff for his update.

Mr. John Daniel arrived at 11:55 am.

Mr. H. S. Caudill arrived at 12:00 noon

Wildlife Division Update: The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an update.

Dr. Anderson reported:

- Update on hiring of 4 positions in the Lands & Facilities program
- Called on Becky Gwynn to report on the Red Cockaded Woodpecker nest and chicks on the Big Woods WMA

Fish Division Update: The Chairman called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for an update.

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Removal of the Jordan Point Dam
- Open House at all the Hatcheries
- Free Fishing Weekend – June 8 & 9, 2019

Director's Report:

No report

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the WBL Committee meeting and thanked staff for the work done on all the Regulations and reports. The Chairman asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, he announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell
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