

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 30, 2018
10:00 am

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

Mr. Boyd arrived at 10:15 am
Ms. Claiborne departed at 11:15 am

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. The Chairman welcomed staff and public in attendance at the meeting.

Approval of the April 11, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Dear made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018 Committee meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Ayes: Abbitt, Brown, Dear.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

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

Update on Live Deer Test for CWD (Chronic Waste Disease): The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

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

Update on Feral Hogs: The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

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Law Update: The Chairman called on Major Bryan Young for a Law Update:

Major Bryan Naff reported:

- 6 new sworn officers are now in their new areas and working
- The final 17 officers will graduate in September 2018
- The dispatch office has gone LIVE with dispatching with 100 DCR Officers (Department of Conservation and Recreation) as part of Partnering with other State Agencies
- Conducted In-Service Training and Professional Standards Training to all 175 officers and law enforcement staff
- Started a New Office of Professional Standards (OPS), including a OPS website
- Completed New 2017 Annual Report
- Have a New Honor Guard

The Chairman opened up the floor for Public Comments asking if anyone had any additional comments from the public,

The Chairman called on Mr. Kirby Burch of Powhatan, VA who spoke for the Hunting Dog Alliance and CWD (Chronic Waste Disease)

Director's Report: The Director reported the following:

- Update on Feral Hogs by Dr. Gray Anderson

Chairman's Report: The Chairman requested that at the August 21, 2018 WBL meeting the committee would like staff to bring suggestions to the committee so a discussion can be held on what the board members can do to deal with CWD (Chronic Waste Disease) as a board and agency. The Chairman asked if there was any additional business or comments, he announced the next meeting is Wednesday, August 21, 2018 and adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell

