

Final Board Minutes

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

August 21, 2018
10:00 am

Chairman: Mr. Ryan Brown chaired the meeting in Mr. Abbitt’s absence; Mr. Douglas Dear; Mrs. Nicole Butterworth; **Absent:** Mr. Watkins Abbitt; **Board Members: 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 Bryan Young, 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. The Chairman welcomed staff and public in attendance at the meeting.

Approval of the May 30, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the May 30, 2018 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Mr. Dear made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2018 Committee meeting. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Dear

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

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

Aquatic Regulations: The Chairman called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a presentation.

Dr. Bednarski presented the Final Staff Recommendations for the Aquatic Regulations

After discussion and comments, Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Bednarski for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion, Mrs. Butterworth made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Regulation amendments for the Aquatic Resources as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Dear. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Dear

Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulation: The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulations.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Anderson 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 recommend that the Board adopt the Commercial of Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulations. It was seconded by Mrs. Butterworth. Ayes: Brown, Dear, Butterworth

CWD Program Options – (Chronic Waste Disease): The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the CWD Program Options.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

Wildlife Regulation Review Cycle Outline and Schedule: The Chairman called on Dr. Anderson to present the 2018-2019 Wildlife Review Cycle Schedule.

Dr. Anderson presented the 2018-2019 Wildlife Review Cycle Schedule.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

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

Major Bryan Young reported:

- Major Young welcomed Mrs. Butterworth back to the Board meetings and offered Condolences in her husband's passing away
- Announced that the 10th Law Enforcement Academy Class graduation will be held on Friday, September 7, 2018
- Department of Conservation Recreation Law Enforcement is receiving training on DGIF radio system with DGIF Dispatch
- Wrapping up the Boating Season and heading into the Hunting season
- Canine Program Update

Division Update: The Chairman called on Dr. Anderson and Dr. Bednarski for a Division Update.

Dr. Anderson reported:

- The hiring process is moving forward to replace some retirement personnel in the field

Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Anderson for his report.

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Gave an update on the cold and warm water hatchery operations.

Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Bednarski for his report.

Director's Report: The Director reported the following:

- Called on Dr. Mike Bednarski to introduce a new employee, Dr. Rene Valdez, Human Dimensions Specialist
- Called on Mr. Lee Walker to announce that DGIF took 2nd place in our Branding efforts at the Association for Conservation Information, Inc. Conference.
- Called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an update on Adaptive Harvest Management Annual Report and upcoming changes for the Atlantic Flyaway
- Thanked Secretary of Natural Resources for approving all our recent hiring requests.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman commended the staff on their presentations today.

The Chairman asked if there were any announcements or comments, hearing none he adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell

