

FINAL Board Minutes

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

October 23, 2019
10:00 am

Present: Mr. Leon Boyd, **Chair;** Mr. G. K. Washington; Dr. Mamie Parker, Alternate: **Board Members** in attendance: Mr. John Daniel; Ms. Catherine Claiborne; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director’s Working Group:** Major Scott Naff, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Darin Moore, Major Bryan Young, Dr. Gray Anderson.

The Chair 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 August 21, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chair called for a motion to approve the August 21, 2019 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 Committee meeting. Dr. Parker seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Washington, and Parker

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non-Agenda items. Hearing none the Chair continued with the meeting.

CWD Program Update: The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson gave a CWD Program Update.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his update.

Tick Borne Illnesses: The Chair called on Dr. David Gaines, the State Entomologist with the Virginia Department of Health.

Dr. Gaines gave a very informative presentation on Tick Borne Illnesses

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Dr. Gaines for his presentation.

Law Update: The Chair called on Major Scott Naff and Major Bryan Young for an update.

Major Young called on Sgt. B. I. Bell to give a presentation on the CAD Radio System that is used by Law Enforcement.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Major Naff and Major Young and Sgt. Bell for their presentation and comments.

- Ms. Karen Terwilliger arrived at 11:40 am

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

Dr. Anderson reported:

- Update on Elk Program – 158,000 visited the Elk Camera
- Youth Harvest 1651 Deer – 120 Bear - 36 Turkeys
- Gave an update on the SFI- Sustainable Forestry Initiative and our Certificate for Timber Practices - Received a good Audit this year.
- Electronic Bear Check is new this year
- At the 5th Annual Oil & Gas Meeting - DGIF won award

Fish Division Update: The Chair called on Mr. Brendon Delbos for an update.

Mr. Delbos reported:

- Second Free Fishing Weekend was September 27-29, 2019 was a huge success, Events were held in Henrico County, Virginia Beach, and Fairfax County
- Trout Stock Season began on October 1, 2019- 1 million Trout in 200 bodies of water
- New Urban Stocking program call Fish Local VA
- Drought Watch – DGIF employees sit on the DEQ Drought watch group for Virginia

Director's Report: The Chair called on Director Brown for a report.

Director Brown reported:

- Attended the Agency Head Meeting
- Director still meeting with Constituents and Constituents Group
- Thanked Staff for a great job on the Governor's Fishing Challenge
- Attended the Dedication of the Wildlife Foundation Cabin
- Spoke about DGIF's National Forest and Habitat efforts
- Spoke of importance of the Agency Advisory Group
- Has attended – the AFW Conference- the SEAFWA Conference – will be attending the NEAFWA Conference in a couple of weeks

- DGIF will be hosting the SEAFWA Spring Director's Meeting May 2020 in Williamsburg, VA

Chair's Report: The Chair thanked everyone for attending the Wildlife, Boat and Law Committee meeting and thanked staff for their presentations.

- Chair thanked the Ward Burton Foundation for the work they provide in schools Working with student's getting them interested in hunting and fishing.
- He reported that it was nice to have Governor Northam and Mr. Brian Ball and Delegate James Edmonds to visited Southwest, VA
- He reported he attended the VA Oil and Gas Dinner and excepted the award on behalf of the DGIF
- He thanked Major Scott Naff and Major Bryan Young and Dr. Gray Anderson and Mr. Cale Godfrey for the event with the VA Farm Bureau that was held in Southwest, VA

The Chair asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, he announced that next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020 and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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