

Draft Meeting Minutes

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Henrico, VA 23228

October 23, 2024
3:00 pm

Present: Mr. Will Wampler, Chair, Mr. John Daniel; **Absent:** Mr. Michael Formica and Dr. Mamie Parker; **Board members present:** Mr. Jon Cooper, Mr. James Edmunds, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Lynwood Broadus, Mr. Brian Vincent; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. George Braxton, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Michael Lipford.

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was not a quorum present for the meeting.

Approval of the August 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the August 21, 2024, Committee meeting. Mr. Wampler announced that for lack of a quorum the minutes will not be approved.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comments on Non –Agenda Items.

Speakers:

- Ms. Amanda Savignano spoke regarding Hound Hunting
- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding Landowner Representation, Equal Enforcement of Game Laws, Permission to Hunt

Intern Accomplishments 2024: The Chair called on Ms. Kelsey Steenburgh for a presentation.

Ms. Steenburgh gave a presentation on Intern Accomplishments for the summer of 2024. We heard what they learned and how excited they were with our agency and how well they performed. There were 19 Interns from across Virginia and even from the state of Oregon. They were here from May – August 2024, the Interns represented all division in the agency.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Steenburgh.

Train the Trainer: The Chair called on Mr. Alex McCrickard.

Mr. McCrickard our Aquatic Education Coordinator gave us information on many events that have been held to teach people fishing. Some never have fished and there were always kids and adults at the events to learn.... DWR has expanded the Angler's Education for everyone and anyone who is interested in coming out and learning.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. McCrickard for his presentation.

Deer Processing Workshops: Chair called on Mr. Jimmy Mootz for his presentation.

Mr. Jimmy Mootz, Hunter Education Coordinator spoke on Deer Processing and the workshops we organize and how important it is to process the meat correctly from the animal that is taken.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Mootz.

Outreach Division Update: The Chair called on Mr. Brian Moyer for an Outreach Division Update.

Mr. Moyer Reported:

- The Outreach Division staff organized and participated in many workshops,
- Lumber Jack Festival along with Deviled Backbone
- State Fair of VA, (20 DWR Staff worked the Fair, 18 CPO's)
- Outdoor Expo at Green Top - 20,000 in attendance
- Outreach staff held a Virtual Event, Hike for the Wild, it was held on Public Lands Day
- Shop DWR Merchandise
- 2025 Calendar is available
- Explore the WildHard Card – worked with local artist
- Archery Open coming in January 2025

The Chair thanked Mr. Moyer for his Division update.

Director's Report: The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

Director Ryan Brown complimented the Outreach Staff for knowing how to get people engaged in the outdoors, he is proud of all the events, workshops, and teaching people to hunt and fish and enjoy outdoor sports.

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his report.

Chair's Report: The Chair commended and thanked Outreach Staff for expanding youth and connecting people to the Natural Resources. Thank you for your commitment to working so hard to make a difference.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further questions or comments and hearing none, the Chair announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2025, and adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell