

**Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting  
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries  
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room  
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

**February 9, 2011 @ 10:00am**

**Present:** Mr. James W. Hazel, Board Chairman, Mr. F. Scott Reed, Committee Chairman, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Larry Hart, Dr. Joice Conyers and Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts.

The Committee Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Hazel, Mr. Colgate and Mr. Lee Albright for their attendance at today's meeting.

The Committee Chairman called on the Director for staff introductions. Mr. Matt Koch introduced the following new DGIF Staff;

- Mr. Tom Gelozin,  
Director, Planning and Finance
- Ms. Kateri Shreve  
Infrastructure, Dam Safety Engineer
- Ms. Estella Randolph  
Human Resources, Volunteer Administrator

The Committee welcomed the new staff members in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee Chairman called for a motion to approve the December 6, 2010 minutes as presented. **Ms. Caruso made the following motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Turner. Ayes: Turner, Caruso and Reed.**

**Public Comments-** Non Agenda Items: The Committee Chairman called for Public Comment - Non Agenda Items. Hearing none, the Committee Chairman moved forward with the agenda.

**Legislative Update:** The Committee Chairman called on the Director to provide a legislative update. The Agency is currently tracking 30 pieces of legislation. The Director and staff have made several presentations during the Sportsman's Caucus that is held on Thursday mornings. The Committee Chairman thanked the Director and staff for their efforts during this session.

**Wildlife Regulations Update:** The Committee Chairman called on Mr. Ellis of the Wildlife Resources Bureau to provide a Wildlife Regulations Update. Mr. Ellis gave an overview of the regulation process and a discussion was held on the current regulation process. Mr. Ellis also presented the draft Public Hearing schedule. The staff will present their recommendations during the March Board Meeting.

A discussion was held by the Board Chairman, Committee, Director and staff. The Committee Chairman thanked everyone for their participation in the discussion.

**Public Comments:**

**Mr. Lee Albright, Montebello, Virginia, spoke regarding FOIA and public attendance during committee meetings.**

**The Board Chairman departed at 11:12am.**

**Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program Update:** The Committee Chairman called on the Wildlife Resources Bureau for this presentation. Mr. Ellis provided the Committee an update on the program. The staff has completed 3 applications for this grant process. Applications will be submitted for the following projects: Expansion of PALS Program; Shoreline Restoration, and Access and Survey of Landowners.

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Ellis and staff for their presentation.

**Elk Restoration Update:** The Chairman called upon Mr. Ellis to provide the Committee with an Elk Restoration Update. Mr. Ellis noted during the holidays many of the Wildlife Resources Bureau staff traveled to Kentucky to assist with the building of the Quarantine Facility and the trapping of elk. Mr. Ellis provided excerpts from the diary of Mr. Richard Grishow, Missouri Department of Conservation. On behalf of the Director and Staff, Mr. Ellis expressed his sincere appreciation to Mr. Leon Boyd and Mr. Horn who provided labor and materials for this project.

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation.

**Director's Report:** The Committee Chairman called on the Director for his report. The Director reported on the following items:

- Chronic Wasting Disease
- Lyme Disease Task Force
- Addition of Florida Rock tract to Mattaponi WMA
- Boating Safety Information Update
- Wildlife Management Area Study
- Fee Increase Proposal Question and Answer Sheet
- SOBA Awards (James Adams, Allister Watts and Phil Lownes)

The Director also announced the retirement of George Bridewell effective March 31, 2011 and also announced that Tom Guess is the new Boating Law Administrator.

The Committee Chairman thanked the Director for his report and congratulated Mr. Bridewell on his retirement. The Committee Chairman also congratulated Mr. Guess on becoming the new Boating Law Administrator.

**Chairman's Remarks:** The Committee Chairman thanked the Director and staff for their attendance and presentations during today's meeting. He also thanked the Board Chairman, Mr. Hazel and Board Member, Mr. Colgate for taking time from their schedules to attend today's

meeting as well. The Committee Chairman encouraged all of the Committee Members to contact him for future items that would be of interest during the next Committee Meeting.

**Additional Items/ Comments:** The Committee Chairman called for additional comments and/or business of the Board. Mr. Turner inquired about the status of the Friends of Short Hills Committee. Mr. Ellis reported the committee is being formed but a meeting date has not been set. Mr. Turner asked to be notified of the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Committee will be held on April 13, 2011 at 1:00pm. Please note the time change.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. **Ms. Caruso made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Turner. Ayes: Reed, Caruso and Turner.**

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Drewery, DGIF Board Secretary  
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries