

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23230
March 12, 2013

Present: Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Chairman; Committee Members: Mr. J. Brent Clarke, III and Mr. Garry Gray; **Absent:** Mr. James Hazel, Alternate Member, **Board Members:** Mr. F. Scott Reed, Board Chairman; Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. Hugh Palmer; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert “Bob” W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Larry Hart.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:08 am and noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chairman announced that no foxhound training preserves comments would be taken during the meeting. The Chairman announced that he did not have any non-agenda items but had several agenda items for public comment and those people would be allowed to make their remarks during the Regulations process.

Approval of the January 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes: The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting. Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Turner, Clarke, and Gray.

The Director asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of Master Trooper Junius Walker who was killed in the line of duty.

Due to other personal commitments, the Chairman allowed Mr. T. J. Masus of Richmond, Virginia to speak regarding the general firearms season.

Mr. Kenneth Carter of Henrico, Virginia spoke in support of treestand safety regulations.

Law Enforcement Update;

Lt. Colonel Mike Clark gave an update on the hiring process of new Conservation Police Officers.

Following his overview, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director, and staff. The Chairman thanked Lt. Colonel Clark for his update.

Hunting and Trapping Regulations:

Mr. David Whitehurst gave an introduction and overview of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations process.

Mr. Bob Ellis presented the 2013-2014 Staff Recommendations for Hunting and Trapping Regulations:

Hunting and Trapping Regulations

- a. Deer
- b. Bear
- c. Turkey
- d. Furbearers and Trapping
- e. Waterfowl
- f. General
- g. Firearms

Following a 5-minute break, The Chairman continued with the remaining agenda items.

Fishing Regulations

- a. Eel Pots in Back
- b. Trip fishing license
- c. Miscellaneous Permits

Mr. Kirby Burch of Powhatan, Virginia spoke regarding the Bear Regulations.

Mr. Barney Bolter of Kenbridge, Virginia spoke regarding the Bear Regulations.

Mr. John Balasa of Henrico, Virginia spoke regarding dog hunting.

Regulatory Reform Initiative

Mr. Ryan Brown gave an update on the Regulatory Reform Initiative.

Following the presentations, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director, and staff. The Chairman thanked all the staff for their hard work on the reports and presentations today.

Director's Report: The Director reported on the following items:

- 75 Year Anniversary of the Wildlife Restoration Act
- Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Headquarters is being planned
- Agency Advisory Group will meet in conjunction with Groundbreaking Ceremony

Following the Director's report, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director, and Staff. The Chairman thanked the Director for his report.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked the Director and all the Staff for their reports and presentations during today's meeting. The Chairman commented that he had visited a Foxhound training preserve and the March 20, 2013 meeting would be dedicated to the Foxhound Training Preserve.

Next meeting date: The Chairman announced the next Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee meeting will be June 4, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Adjournment: The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gray made the motion and Mr. Clarke made the second. Ayes: Turner, Clarke, Gray.