

**Education, Planning and Outreach Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
Meeting Minutes
Board Room, 4000 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

December 8, 2009, 2:00pm

Present: James W. Hazel, Committee Chairman, Ms. Mary Louisa Pollard, Mr. Richard Railey, Jr.; **Absent:** Randy Kozuch; **Director:** Robert “Bob” W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Matt Koch; **Senior Staff:** Ray Davis, Charlie Sledd, David Whitehurst, Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts and James Adams.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. A quorum was present for this meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the May 7, 2009 and October 8, 2009 Committee

Meetings: The minutes of the May 7, 2009 and October 8, 2009 Committee meetings have been posted to the Web site and copies were distributed to the Committee members for review. **The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Pollard made the motion for the minutes to be approved as submitted. Motion Seconded by Mr. Railey. Ayes: Hazel, Pollard and Railey.**

Update on 2010 Legislative Proposals and Legislative Update: The Chairman called upon Mr. Charlie Sledd to provide a Legislative update for the 2010 General Assembly. Mr. Sledd indicated that seven of the nine agency proposals had moved forward. The next step is to coordinate with the Cabinet Secretary to identify patrons for these bills. Mr. Sledd also provided information on the dates for legislation pre-filing and for requesting bill drafts from Legislative Services. While a number of pre-filed bills have already appeared on the Legislative Information System for the 2010 session, none are related to DGIF activities and programs. Mr. Sledd indicated that the Virginia Safe Boating Alliance has continued its work on the Child Life Jacket Law and that it is likely that this bill would be introduced again during this session.

A brief discussion was held by the Committee and Staff. The Committee recommended the Director send a congratulatory letter to all new delegates with information regarding the Agency. Mr. Montgomery thanked Mr. Sledd for his report.

Public Comment: The Chairman called for public comment.

Ms. Deborah Jeter, Franklin, Virginia, spoke regarding the Department’s educational outreach efforts. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance and comments.

Committee Meeting Requirements-Committee Meeting Charter Changes: The Chairman indicated that no suggested changes to Committee Charters or Committee meeting requirements had been received from the other Committee Chairs. The staff indicated that they had not received any comments or suggested changes. The staff further indicated that the committees were meeting their charter requirements. The Committee will report this information to the full Board at the March 2010 Meeting.

Annual Review of Board Policies: The Chairman called upon Mr. Charlie Sledd for information regarding the annual review of Board Policies. Mr. Sledd stated in accordance with the Board

Governance Manual, the EPO Committee is required to conduct an annual review of all Board Policies and make any recommended changes to the Board at their first meeting of the new calendar year. The Committee has a copy of all Board policies and will review these policies prior to the next Committee meeting, at which time the Committee will take action on any revisions to the current policies, the need to rescind any current policies, and the adoption of any new policies. All Committee action is to be concluded before the March 2010 Board Meeting.

Additional Comments or Other Business: The Chairman called for any additional comments or other business.

The Chairman called for an update on the revenue projects discussed at the October Meeting. Mr. Lee Walker stated the Gift Card Purchase Order has been issued and they should be ready for sale in the spring of 2010. Staff continues to work with DMV on the development and sale of a new Wildlife Conservationist license plate. Mr. Koch indicated that he will work with Gary Martel to provide the Committee a more extensive update on the previously discussed revenue ideas.

Captain Bobby Mawyer of the Law Enforcement Division presented an update on the Hunter Education Program. A Virginia Hunter Education Youth Instructor Internship Program is being developed to train new youth instructors. The pilot program will be conducted in Region 2. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts spoke to provide clarification regarding comments made earlier in the meeting by Ms. Jeter in regard to her possession of a striped skunk in Southampton County. Colonel Watts noted that Ms. Jeter holds a valid wildlife exhibitor's permit issued by DGIF and that the skunk was certified by a licensed veterinarian to be non-releasable.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2010 at 1:00pm in the Board Room.

Hearing no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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