

National Capital Pond  
Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International

2019 Annual Meeting

Agenda

May 16, 2019

Call to Order

Invocation

Reading of Minutes of January 2019 NCP Meeting

Address of the Most Loyal Gander – Jon Fregger

Reports of Officers and Committees

Supervisor of the Flock – Brian Lease

Custodian of the Goslings – Andrea Dawes

Hospitality

Guardian of the Pond (Acting) – Rachael Klein

John Brenner Charity Lunch

Spring Casino Night

Wielder of the Goose Quill – Gene Newman

Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – Tiffany Barrett

Unfinished Business

New Business

Election of Officers

Proposed Slate

Most Loyal Gander – Brian Lease

Supervisor of the Flock – Andrea Dawes

Custodian of the Goslings – Open

Guardian of the Pond – Rachael Klein

Wielder of the Goose Quill – Gene Newman

Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg – Tiffany Barrett

Installation of Officers

Adjournment

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Annual Report of the Most Loyal Gander  
Jon Fregger  
May 16, 2019

It has been an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as the Most Loyal Gander of the National Capital Pond this past year. As the MLG I have had the pleasure of representing the pond, and meeting fellow ganders from other ponds across North America, at gatherings in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and Providence, Rhode Island.

Far and wide, the National Capital Pond is regarded as one of the strongest, most active, and best run ponds throughout the Order. Over the last several years, we have been at or near the top of the entire Order in the number of new members joining the Blue Goose. We are also regularly at or near the top with regard to our charity efforts, both in our financial contributions, and the giving of our time and energies. With our regular monthly meetings and typical participation of 25-40 ganders, the National Capital Pond stands out as an example of what other ponds hope to be.

The success of our special events is well known among the other ponds. The John Benner Charity Luncheon has a long and storied history of excellence. Our Rush Parties have been models others have sought to emulate. The Spring fund raiser and Summer golf outing not only support worthy causes but bring us together in warm fellowship.

To the outside observer the success and smooth running of the pond's activities hides the dedication and significant efforts expended by those who give dozens of hours to the running of each event. It is to these individuals that the National Capital Pond owes a deep debt of gratitude. Each event has a team of ganders who do the diligent work of making sure every detail is covered. But there are four ganders, in particular, who take significant leadership rolls event after time after time, event, year after year. There are several others who graciously give their time to individual events, and to all of you we are truly grateful. But, without the generous and selfless energies of these four ganders the National Capital Pond would not be the model those across the Order hold in such high esteem. I cannot adequately relay to you how critically important the work of these four is to this pond's current success.

Please join me with your applause of thanks for the amazing work of Tiffany Barrett, Andrea Dawes, Barb Markuski, and Wendy Fletcher.

When I began my service as the Most Loyal Gander I was enthusiastic and filled with great plans for how I wanted my term to go. I was excited about the team of officers that were elected. I knew how I wanted the efforts of the pond board to work. I knew how I wanted to lead pond meetings. I had a vision of how our Operating Procedures could be revised to better align with the smooth operation of the pond in today's realities.

Regrettably, much of what I had hoped to accomplish was not to be. An increased workload, family challenges, and other stumbling blocks were more than I could overcome and still accomplish what I had hoped for.

I am particularly disappointed that the changes I hoped to recommend for the Operating Procedures could not be accomplished. Perhaps, in the year to come, some necessary adjustments will be made.

Similarly frustrating is that the board was unable to identify a candidate to nominate for the Custodian of the Goslings position for the year to come. Last year's Guardian of the Pond, Trish Turner, (who would have been in line to take on the roll of Custodian) had to regrettably resign her position. The board was able to enlist the efforts of Rachael Klein to take on leadership in the pond's charity efforts for the remainder of the past year. And Rachael has agreed to be officially nominated for the Guardian position this year. But this leaves us with a vacancy in the Custodian of the Goslings position. The board reached out to a couple excellent ganders, but neither felt able to commit to the Custodian position. We will take nominations from the floor later in the meeting.

These frustrations aside, the National Capital Pond has had a fruitful year under the dedicated leadership of your board. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to have worked with Brian Lease, Andrea Dawes, Trish Turner, Gene Newman, Tiffany Barrett, and Rachael Klein. Their loyal efforts are greatly appreciated and have made all the difference.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Most Loyal Gander. It has been an experience I will remember fondly and certainly never forget.

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Jon B. Fregger  
Most Loyal Gander – 2018-2019  
National Capital Pond