John Coley, *Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Chair*, called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm.

**Attendees**

**Committee Members**
John Coley, Chair        Richard Edwards
Tim Spear                Tommy Fonville
Brian White              Mark Craig
John Litton Clark        Joe Barker

**Commissioners**
Jim Cogdell              Wes Seegars
Neal Hanks               Tom Berry
Joe Budd                 Ray Clifton

**Staff**
Mallory Martin           Betsy Haywood
Cindy Carr               Thomas Hardy
Landon Tholkes           Richard Tucker
Geoff Cantrell          Lisa Hocutt
Allen Boynton           Brad Howard
Doug Howell              David Cobb
Joe Fuller               David Sawyer
Isaac Harrold            Scott Anderson
Steve Bullins            David O’Neal
Kate Pipkin              Kris Smith
Carolina Medina          Mitch Kirkland
Gordon Myers
**Implementation of a Light Goose Conservation Order**

The committee received an overview by Doug Howell, *Waterfowl Biologist*, of a Light Goose Conservation Order that would open in 2016, from February 15 to March 31, 2016. Expanded hunting methods will be allowed with no bag limits and no possession limits for light geese. Participants must be licensed and have a federal duck stamp. All participants must obtain a free permit and complete a harvest survey. Howell said that the agency website will be used as a portal, with a light goose season link. Permits will be available on September 1, 2016.

**Compensatory Days for Migratory Birds and House Bill 640**

*Executive Director* Gordon Myers reported that he met with the Assistant Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service about the migratory bird program regarding compensatory days for hunting migratory waterfowl. HB 640, with the provision for Sunday hunting on private lands, affects migratory bird hunting in North Carolina. Because the USFWS is not prepared to allow compensatory days for any migratory birds if hunting on Sunday is allowed, Representative Dixon amended the bill to disallow any migratory bird hunting on Sunday.

Chairman Coley adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.