

Camp Denison Committee

November 14, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

Meeting Opened: 6:37 pm

Attendance: (x indicates attendance)

x	Jim Lacey, Chair		Bob Gorton, Member	x	Jack LoCicero, Member
x	Chris Roop, Clerk	x	George Langlais, Member		Ella Richardson, Member
x	Kim Therrien, Member				
	Don Anderson, Camp Manager		Bob Apprich, Consultant		Kim Dowling, Consultant

Guests: Jim Boynton, Jim Saunders, Stu Scranton

Minutes Approval: October 10, 2017 minutes approved as written

Discussion and Motions:

1. Camp Manager's Report
 - Don was not able to be at the meeting and provided a written report
 - A sceptic smell was noticed outside the Men's room at the new bath house on Saturday. The plumbing was checked but nothing out of order was found. Smell has dissipated. Watch.
 - Bookings are strong. April through June and the fall is almost entirely reserved already.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - As noted last month, the electric bill is higher than it has been. This is due to increased usage in the cabin area, which makes sense since the bath house is now in use and has automatic exterior lights. Lights have also been added to the small parking lot.
 - The revolving account has \$26,042 and the Friends accounts have \$13,566.
 - Several incorrect formulas were discovered on the accounting spreadsheet which incorrectly added the quarterly columns, but the overall totals were correct. These are being corrected.
 - The report, with the amendments, was unanimously approved.
3. New business:
 - Capital Planning
 - We need to draw up a list of all the items where capital spending will be required.
 - All were asked to submit their ideas, so we can plan and prioritize our resources.
 - Support for Town's Opioid Initiative
 - Harry Nelson recommended that the camp actively support efforts to help town programs related to the opioid crisis.
 - The main thrust should be awareness and education.
 - The camp might become engaged by making meeting space available to support groups.
 - He will research what is currently being done.
 - Kim Therrien will also check on whether a Naranon group might be interested in using the facility.
 - Makeup of the Committee

- Bob Gorton has resigned from the committee.
 - Harry Nelson has agreed to join the committee in his place.
 - The other members of the committee are still interested in serving.
 - Fundraising
 - We need to start work on our next fundraising event, but first we need to agree on what it will be.
 - The raffle held this year was successful but requires a great deal of work, most of which fell to a few people. There was some support for another raffle.
 - No clear direction was achieved at the meeting.
 - Christmas Party
 - Rather than have a December meeting we will have a pot luck dinner and party. (Date was set for 12/15).
4. Updates
- New website
 - The negotiations with Bessy Anderson to build a new website have been terminated.
 - There was a difference in the approach and the need that caused her to withdraw the proposal submitted.
 - Chairs in Barn
 - All of the chairs have been removed from the barn.
 - A dozen chairs were in good enough shape to save. A storage dolly was built, and the chairs have been moved to the great hall.
 - There are also 8 of the same type chairs around the table in the Nature Center.
 - Excess Equipment
 - In order to divest of the Husqvarna mower, we need to offer it to other departments in town first.
 - If there are no takers, the Selectmen need to declare the equipment surplus, so it can be listed for sale.
 - Since the Saber tractor is used frequently, and is unlikely to be worth much, it was agreed that if an alternative storage solution could be achieved, it can be kept.
 - The ATV is now in service and is proving to be very useful.
 - The Gravelly and the snow blower attachment continues to be worked on to get it ready for winter.
 - Don's Backup
 - Tony Boff has expressed interest in being Don's backup.
 - Don and members of the committee will interview Tony to ensure there is a mutual fit for the position.
 - CPR Training
 - Kim will run a CRP class for camp volunteers.
 - An email will be sent to explore options for a date after January 20th.
 - Safety Walk-about
 - We still need to formally initiate a safety walk-about program, but we have started inspecting some of the trails as we cleaned up after the big storm when the camp lost power for 2 days.

- The question of whether to open up the trails so the ATV (aka the beast) can access all areas of the camp was discussed.
- It was agreed that the trails should be reviewed individually, and we be selective about changes so as not to change the character of the trails. Some trails are partly accessible now. The beast will not be able to cross any of the bridges.

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings: 2018: 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12