

Camp Denison Committee

June 20, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

Meeting Opened: 7:08 pm

Attendance: (x indicates attendance)

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

Guests: Jim Boynton, Jim Saunders, Harry Nelson

Minutes Approval: May 2, 2017 minutes approved as written

Discussion and Motions:

1. Camp Manager's Report
 - Inquiries and bookings are brisk.
 - Activities and operations are generally running smoothly.
 - Activities during the week are picking up a bit, including a meeting of the Boy Scout Council for the entire region.
 - Manager's report was unanimously accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - There is currently \$21,577 in the revolving fund.
 - Year to date revenue has been over \$35,000.
 - This is almost the end of the fiscal year so we are in good shape.
 - Friend's accounts currently have \$23,167.
 - This account is due over \$6,000 in reimbursement from the town for purchases on the bathroom project.
 - The funds collected for the raffle is around \$20,500 so far.
 - Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.
3. New business:
 - Project priorities
 - The dock needs to be picked up again and completed. Chris is leading this project.
 - Don's apartment needs 2 new windows, siding and storm door. Other work on the apartment includes replacing the shower drain, additional support under the bathroom and possibly replacing the window in the kitchen with a rear exit door. Kim T offered that she has some windows and other items she will donate to the camp.
 - We currently have enough regular volunteers that we can run two projects at the same time.
 - The outdoor bathroom is in need to a face-lift and is next on the major project list.

- We need to look to the future use of the camp as well as just the immediate maintenance needs. Future projects and priorities need to consider how we can best utilize the facilities. What improvements might we do to make it more interesting to mid-week use, such as for business conferences, as an example. A long-term goal has been to setup educational displays in the Nature Center.
 - Family Day planning
 - Date set for September 17th.
 - Chris will send out the list of activities from last year.
 - Don will talk to Melissa about getting the girls to do face painting again.
 - It was agreed that we will not have balloons. It is too difficult to police what happens with the balloons and small bits of balloon can be eaten by birds and cause them to die.
 - Jim L will contact the selectmen to cook lunch.
 - Don A will contact the scouts for the parking detail.
 - Other activities are being handled by the same people as last year and arrangements are underway.
 - Flatbread fundraiser
 - There will be a fundraiser night for the camp at Flatbread on June 27th from 5 pm to 9 pm. All pizza purchases are included, \$1.75 for small and \$3.50 for large donated to the camp.
 - Don W will be there with the raffle board to sell tickets as well.
 - Appreciation gathering
 - The bathroom project is essentially complete and we should have an appreciation dinner or other type of gathering to recognize everyone that worked on the project.
 - It was suggested that this be held in the fall.
4. Old business
- Bathroom project update
 - The plumbers are due back on Thursday and Friday.
 - The priorities are to hook up the septic, water supply and vent, along with bedding the sinks and connecting the mop sink and floor drains. Hot water heater and gas line need to be done after that.
 - On the camp side, the curtain tracks for the handicap stalls have been installed. The tracks for the shower areas need to be installed and then the curtains hung, along with a few other minor finishing touches.
 - Raffle update
 - We have sold over 200 tickets and are still moving forward. We will break even at about 215 to 220 tickets, so we all need to push the sales to sell all the tickets in order to maximize our income.
 - As we get down to less than two months left we need to organize the details of the event. People working on the event need to get together for a planning session.
 - Don A will submit the application for the liquor permit and look into free beer from different companies.
 - Kim T will work on food with Christin.

- Chris has a tent that might be able to be used and will make signs for the event.
 - Parking will be a significant concern.
 - Kim T will arrange for 3 attendants
 - Need to mark the lanes on the field
 - Carpooling needs to be organized and pushed
 - Bob G will provide the plan for the large field.
- Fire Department Inspection
 - During the annual inspection by GT Fire Department they recommended that the camp should have a defibrillator.
 - They have offered to give the camp a defibrillator valued around \$1,700.
 - We will need to purchase accessories totaling around \$400 in order to make use of it. Pads will need to be replaced every couple of years
 - A motion was made and approved that we accept the gift and outfit it as necessary to provide a functional defibrillator at the camp.
 - Kim T is a certified instructor and offered to train those interested in CPR including the use of defibrillators.
- School Program at the camp
 - The 6th grade from Penn Brook is proposing to bring students to the camp as part of their natural science curriculum. They will also do work on the trails, such as picking up branches, to maintain them as part of the program.
 - There will be a cost involved for the camp for the busses required to transport the students and the management of the program by North Shore Nature Programs.
 - This sort of program has been a goal of the camp's, and those involved, since Bob Morehouse envisioned restoring the camp and making it a community resource.
 - It is hoped that this program might be used as a model for other schools outside Georgetown to utilize the property, though at their own expense.
- North Shore Nature Programs
 - The new summer program will be starting up in a few weeks.
 - Enrollment is not yet full for the summer, which is not unusual for a new program starting out. Look for opportunities to promote the camp.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings: 2017: 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12