

## **Camp Denison Committee**

August 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

**Meeting Opened:** 7:03 pm

**Committee Member Attendance:** (x indicates attendance)

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| 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 | Bob Apprich, Consultant | x | Kim Dowling, Consultant | x | Don Anderson, Camp Manager |
| x | Kim Therrien, Member    |   |                         |   |                            |

**Guests:** Don Watson, Jim Boynton, Stu Scranton, Mike Shea

**Minutes Approval:** July 19, 2016 minutes approved as written.

### **Discussion and Motions:**

1. Camp Manager's Report
  - Three Eagle Scout projects have been completed:
    - Benches and bushes by the turn to the large parking lot was completed on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - Rope fencing around flagpole was completed on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Two canoe storage racks were completed on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - The cabins have not had much use this summer
    - Suggestion to list them on Air BnB as a way to increase utilization.
    - Kim Dowling will check into cost of using Air BnB.
    - Shades will be needed in the GS cabin to block out the light from the pole.
  - A group of Georgetown parents will use the Great Hall for a short meeting Wednesday night to discuss issues at American Legion Park, free of charge.
  - Weekends are busy so activities related to the building of the new fire pit should be limited to Monday through Thursday.
  - The Gazebo needs a new post to replace a rotten one in the railing to ensure safety of users. This will be added to the priority Work List.
  - Workshop in the Woods finished up the season on August 5<sup>th</sup>. There was friction between the directors and Don Anderson this year. There will be a meeting Wednesday 8/17 at 7 pm to discuss the situation.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - The balance in the Revolving Account is about \$11,683.
  - The Friends accounts have a total of about \$13,900.
3. New business:
  - Planning for Bob Morehouse memorial
    - A private memorial will be held for the Morehouse family and friends, and volunteers of the camp on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

- The event will include the unveiling of the carved sign and renaming of the lodge as the “Robert N. Morehouse Lodge”, the dedication of “Farmer Bob’s Way”, the new fire pit being built in his memory and presentation of a gift to Barbara.
  - Jim Lacey and Don Anderson will develop the agenda, Kim D will take pictures, Mike Shea will work with the family to develop a list of invitees and Jim Boynton and Chris Roop will assemble the list of volunteers to be invited.
  - Remarks on Bob’s role at the camp will be given and lunch will be served.
  - Grant writer is available
    - Ella Richardson mentioned that we can take advantage of the services of a professional grant writer.
    - Ideas for projects that we want to get funded should be sent to Ella who will coordinate.
4. Old business
- Bath House
    - Work finally got underway on August 8<sup>th</sup> on the first phase of the plumbing.
    - It should be finished this week and the framing of the floor can commence.
    - It was discovered that the final RFQ did not include the fixtures so they will need to be sourced separately.
    - We need to develop estimates for the fixtures and the materials required for finishing the construction of the interior. Jack LoCicero and Chris Roop will work on these tasks.
  - Family Day
    - Planning for Family Day is underway and assignments for preparation and activities documented.
    - Kim Dowling proposed some new activities including a nature scavenger hunt, natural bird feeders and clay creatures that will each need a table. She will also contact Andrew Prazar to see if he would like to participate.
    - Don Anderson will contact the police and fire departments to see if we can get them to bring equipment for display and representatives to attend.
    - The Essex Heritage Trails and Sails event, including the Georgetown Arts and Architecture Walking Tours, will be happening the same day in Georgetown and throughout the area.
  - Fundraiser
    - Updates to the handout and ticket were reviewed. Tickets have been printed.
    - The date of the Lacrosse event is still open and there is a chance it will not happen. Alternate event or date can be used for the “early bird” raffle if necessary.
    - We need to develop additional seller outlets who are tied into organizations and groups who have the means to purchase high dollar tickets such as Elks, Rotary, employed, etc.
    - Get creative on sales using installment plan or group purchase. Tickets can be payed via PayPal on the CD website where tickets will be available.
    - Credit card readers for Smart Phones can be obtained but the question of registration with a personal SSN needs to be researched.

- Door Prizes have been added to the mix and will be assigned to tickets in between cash prizes. Each volunteer should come up with as many prizes as possible.
- Don Watson will setup the raffle board for Family day to develop interest in the raffle.
- Advertising will start in the near future and sales will start as soon as the question of the date for the early-bird drawing is resolved.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:30 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings: 2016 – 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13