

Camp Denison Committee

August 14, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

Meeting Opened: 6:39 pm

Attendance: (x indicates attendance)

x	Jim Lacey, Chair	x	Harry Nelson, Member	x	Jack LoCicero, Member
x	Chris Roop, Clerk	x	George Langlais, Member	½	Ella Richardson, Member
	Kim Therrien, Member				
x	Don Anderson, Camp Manager	x	Bob Apprich, Consultant		Kim Dowling, Consultant

Guests: Jim Boynton, Stu Scranton

Minutes Approval: June 12, 2018 minutes approved as written. A quorum was not reached for the July 10th meeting.

Discussion and Motions:

1. Treasurer's Report
 - End of FY balance in the revolving account was \$22,977.
 - Projected income already booked for FY2019 is \$18,410 with conservatively forecast revenue of \$29,630.
 - Year end accounting for FY2018 will be presented at next meeting.
 - The Friends accounts have \$9,810 with some outstanding reimbursements.
 - The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.
2. New business:
 - Essex Heritage Future Leaders Program will be here August 15, 2018 to work on the trails.
 - There are expected to be about 25 youth coming for 3 hours of work.
 - Jim Boynton has been inspecting the trails for the last couple of weeks to ensure we have our priorities set on where to put them to work.
 - There is a large limb that fell on the council ring that also needs to be cleared up.
 - A discussion about how to deal with the abundant growth of poison ivy was tabled to another time so we could get through the rest of the agenda.
 - Plans for Lodge Bathroom
 - There has been significant discussion about the need to install a handicap restroom on the upper level of the lodge.
 - Chris drew up plans for how this might be accomplished and came up with multiple options. The latest provides for space to put in two restrooms that can be done independently.
 - The first one to do takes some space from the kitchen and pantry with the door opening into the great hall and requires no structural changes.
 - Harry and Chris will work on an estimate for the work and Jim L will contact the plumber.
 - Volunteer Appreciation Cookout has been scheduled for Thursday, August 30th.

- Concrete work
 - Chris has been talking to contractors about doing concrete projects at the new bath house and the lodge.
 - Each of the contractors has declined to provide an estimate when they learn that we are subject to the state prevailing wage law. There is too much paperwork involved for small contractors that don't deal with the state regularly.
 - We will investigate the available alternatives to get the jobs done.
 - Grading and drainage
 - We have started preparing the upper driveway for re-grading to keep the water runoff away from the lodge and improve the walkability up to the main entrance.
 - The Electric Co has donated poles and will set some of them to provide extra support for the retaining wall at the end Smokey's Den.
 - Additional drainage work on the other side of the lodge will also be done.
 - All of this work will be provided at cost to the Camp by a local contractor.
3. Old business
- Family Day Plans – September 15th
 - Final planning for this year's Family Day has been kicked off. Jim L talked with Peter Pratt about using the great hall for RC cars but was told there isn't enough room.
 - Activities currently being arranged include: Horse rides by Wheeler Brook Farm, paper rockets, aviation table, bean bag toss, face painting, pumpkin decorating, candy egg hunt for smaller kids, North Shore Nature Programs, police officer and car, and the Selectmen cooking hot dogs.
 - Additional items to be worked on: having Tony Toledo provide a couple of story-telling sessions, demonstration / display by Mr Science (Jim Saunders), setting up some background music, presentation by a local nature photographer and having the Boy Scouts set-up tents for a camp out and provide information about scouting to attendees.
 - Stu will make an additional rocket launcher, so we can either have alternating launches or establish a second launching range.
 - Chris will make another beanbag toss game.
 - Lights for the Big Parking Lot
 - Denny Madden has pricing for high output LED lights for the big lot and medium output lights for the path and road between the small lot and lodge.
 - The Electric Co will put up poles for this project as they come up with poles that have been retired from street service.
 - The total cost for the project would be around \$5,000.
 - Don pointed out that in terms of use, the lodge restroom should take precedence over the lighting of the large lot if we can't afford to do both this year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings: 2018: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11