

Camp Denison Committee

January 10, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

Meeting Opened: 7:07 pm

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

Guests: Jim Saunders, Laura Repplier, Andrew Prazar

Minutes Approval: November 15, 2016 minutes approved as written

Discussion and Motions:

1. Camp Manager's Report

- The Townsend Energy contract for oil has been renewed at the same rate of \$2.19 / gal for 1200 gallons.
- All water to the cabins, outdoor spigots and bubblers, Nature Center and Lodge have been shut off and drains winterized. The kitchen water can be turned on for rentals.
- The Eagle Scout shed construction, by Colin Cody, has been completed. Staining still needs to be done. When the old shed is removed, we will see if the Highway Dept. will help move the new shed back to the old shed's location.
- Rentals and inquiries are brink including a deposit for November 2017 and planning for 2018 already coming in.
- The usual Easter Egg Hunt and Family Day events are on the calendar along with August 18-19 for the Reverse Raffle. It was suggested that we make an event of the day of the raffle and invite families to come enjoy the Camp and stay for the drawing that evening. The idea was received well, though parking and logistics will need to be managed carefully. Jim Lacey will check on the availability of a light plant for lighting the large parking lot from the Highway department.
- The landscaping trailer has been removed from the Petersohn property. It appears that Steve Przyjemski has contacted the Petersohns.
- The town has contracted with Freedom Pest Control to do the snow plowing.
- Rubber speed bumps will be purchased in the spring using money still available from the paving allocation.

2. Treasurer's Report

- There is \$13,950 in the revolving account.
- It was noted that the water bill for the 2nd quarter appeared to be unusually high for that time of year. Jack LoCicero will follow up on getting a second water meter installed at the main feed in Smokey's Den to be able to compare to the readings at the street meter to be sure there are no major leaks in the pipe leading to the lodge.

- The Friends of Camp Denison accounts have \$13,822.
3. New business:
- Ella Richardson proposed that an additional camp event be added to the schedule at the beginning of the summer, in either May or June, to encourage increased usage of the camp by members of the town. The idea was well received and additional planning will need to be done to define and enable the event.
 - Proposal for summer program from North Shore Nature Programs
 - Andrew Pazar, owner and director of North Shore Nature Programs presented his proposal for summer programs.
 - The proposal is for four weekly nature programs starting July 10th ending on August 4th.
 - There would be three different age groups within 6 to 11-year-old children with a target of 30 children per week with a 6:1 camper to counselor ratio.
 - Andrew will meet with Deb Rogers to ensure he will be ready to comply with the Board of Health requirements.
 - Andrew will provide his procedures and policies to Laura Repplier in time for presentation at the next ConCom meeting on January 19th and will attend the meeting.
 - The question of how he would handle enrollment in excess of 30 was raised. A preliminary limit of 50 was proposed. Andrew proposed that enrollment be monitored during the spring to gauge the numbers signing up since the controlling factor would be the ability to hire qualified counselors to maintain the desired ratio.
 - A motion made and seconded that Camp Denison would move forward with North Shore Nature Programs, based on ConCom approval, was unanimously approved.
 - North Shore Nature Programs contract
 - The bulk of the contract is dictated by legal requirements established by town counsel.
 - Additional terms relate to operational considerations and will be worked out between Don Anderson and Andrew Pazar.
 - Based on initial approval from the ConCom, North Shore Nature Programs would be able to proceed with marketing.
 - The contract will be presented as part of the proposal to the ConCom with the expectation that it would not be signed until the February meeting after any details are ironed out.
4. Old business
- Reverse Raffle
 - 38 tickets have been sold to date.
 - Additional marketing efforts need to be made to increase the pace of sales.
 - A concern was raised about soliciting door prizes from local businesses. These donations may interfere with additional donations for the Easter Egg Hunt prior to the Raffle. While recognizing that the more people at the drawing are able to win something is desirable, whether it actually will increase the sale of tickets was questioned.
 - Camp Denison Management Plan

- The Management Plan was presented and voted on at the November meeting.
- When that version of the plan was presented to Steve Przyjemski he produced the previous plan done several years ago that was more comprehensive.
- The two versions of the plan were combined to be both comprehensive and up to date.
- Components of the previous plan that were subject to rapid change were moved to an addendum so the plan would be able to focus on the management of the camp.
- It was agreed that the updated version of the Management Plan should be reviewed and a vote would be taken to approve at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:26 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings: 2017: 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12