

## **Camp Denison Committee**

September 5, 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		George Langlais, Member		Ella Richardson, Member
	Kim Therrien, Member				
	Don Anderson, Camp Manager	x	Bob Apprich, Consultant		Kim Dowling, Consultant

**Guests:** Don Watson, Harry Nelson, Jim Saunders, Steve Pinto

**Minutes Approval:** July 18, 2017 minutes approved as written

### **Discussion and Motions:**

1. Camp Manager's Report (provided in writing)
  - Rentals and events going smoothly
    - Comment received: "This place is beautiful. You guys have done so much. Absolutely fantastic."
  - Cabin rentals and tenting starting to pick up
  - Need water hook-up for Girl Scout Cabin and water station between cabins 1 & 2.
  - Propane toilet for Nature Center much needed.
  - Family Day responsibilities (Don A)
    - Parking with Newburyport scouts
    - Face Painting
    - Cleaning and stocking bathrooms
  - Contacted Erin Sinclair, Georgetown HS Guidance Councilor
    - In charge of Community Service
    - She will make announcement to students regarding opportunity on 9/16
  - Will contact Georgetown Boy Scouts, Troops 50 & 51, in addition to Robin Blume with the Girl Scouts.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - Revenue YTD is \$6,080. and expenses are \$4,801.
  - The "Friends" accounts have \$14,137.
  - Raffle
    - Income from the main raffle was \$29,900 + \$350 from the 50/50 raffle.
    - Prizes given out totaled \$15,500 + \$4,137 in expenses + \$1,495 in gaming taxes total \$21, 132.
    - Net proceeds were \$8,993. The most we have ever raised from a fundraiser.
  - The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as amended.
3. New business:
  - Capital Spending

- We have acquired a good-sized ATV with dump body from the federal surplus list.
  - The cost is \$500 though there are repairs that are being made to return it to operational condition, including a replacement transmission and 2 new tires.
  - Work is being done by the mechanic working for the school department.
  - The school department has given us a Gravelly tractor with snow blower attachment.
  - Repairs will also be needed on this equipment, including a new commercial mower deck, PTO drive shafts and tires.
  - These two acquisitions will take the place of a new snow blower and the pick-up truck from the highway department.
  - We will need to make room in the barn to store the new equipment so we will need to determine which of the three current mower/tractors should be eliminated.
  - Family Day
    - The majority of activities usually provided are prepared for the event though some are not available or will not be returning. Need to come up with additional / replacement activities.
    - Some volunteers will not be able to participate and replacements are being sought.
    - Chris will make a bean bag toss game and Steve will order the bean bags.
    - Tommy Newhall will be providing the hot dogs and rolls.
    - Preparations will be on Friday starting at 9 am. Family Day will be from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday 9/16.
4. Old business
- Raffle Debrief
    - Some of the items mentioned to improve the event included:
      - Need better sound system.
      - Drawing was too fast.
      - Lots of confusion between ticket numbers and drawing number. “Did I win anything?”, “Can I still win?” Hearing the drawing number and collecting prize thinking it was the ticket number.
      - Door and cash prizes need to be managed separately.
      - Better identification of prize winners needs to be done.
    - For prizes over \$600, IRS form 1099 should be issued.
  - The dock project has been completed. The floating section needs additional floatation to improve the capacity and stability so we will add two additional floats.
  - The new Eagle Scout project to install two additional canoe trees has been approved by the ConCom and is scheduled to be done this fall by Sam Lewis.
  - The “Friends” have reached out to Essex National Heritage organization
    - There are programs for children that can make use of the facilities
    - There are opportunities for additional exposure to different groups
    - We will be supporting a sister non-profit in Essex County.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:14 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings: 2017: 10/10, 11/14, 12/12; 2018: 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12