

Camp Denison Committee

June 14, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

Meeting Opened: 6:35 pm

Attendance: (x indicates attendance)

x	Harry Nelson, Chair	x	Jim Lacey, Treasurer		<i>Non-Voting Member:</i>
x	Chris Roop, Clerk	x	George Langlais, Member	x	<i>Sue Gardiner, Asst. Clerk</i>
x	Steve Pinto, Asst. Treasurer	x	Jack LoCicero, Member		
x	Don Anderson, Camp Manager	x	Ella Richardson, Member		

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval: 5/17/2022 minutes – **Voted and approved, as written.**

Discussion and Motions:

1. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in Revolving Account is \$31,415.96
- Projected Income for FY22 is \$53,892.90
- Friends of Camp Denison account balance is approximately \$2,600
- Town Warrant limits Committee to spending maximum of \$60,000 per fiscal year from Revolving Account. We need to request an increase at a future Town Meeting.

2. New business

- Oil and propane prices: Don will contact oil company to get oil and propane topped off before contract with new prices goes into effect. He will ask when new contract will begin (company told us they are changing all customers to the same start date sometime this summer).
- Upgrades to buildings and lights:
 - Great Hall & Mess Hall - wall insulation, replacement windows and frames: CPC grant will cover most of this. We will install the windows ourselves to save on labor costs. We'll have pricing for windows at next month's meeting.
 - Lights on outside of Lodge: Have been installed and work on timer, sensor, or manually. They are working well to light the roadway.
 - Parking Lot Lights: CPC grant covers cost of lights. Mirra Co. will dig trenches. We will need volunteers to dig the last few feet to each pole, move pipes, etc. We will cover any costs above the CPC grant from the Revolving Fund.
- Phone & Internet: We will keep our Town phone line, which is used exclusively by the fire alarm system. Currently our Camp Manager uses his personal cell phone for all Camp calls and we want a separate Camp number. We will get a new phone number for the Camp and have calls forwarded to Don's phone. We will continue to pay for Don's phone and internet (which includes access in Camp Manager's apartment, as well as Lodge and down at the Bunkhouses). Don will continue to pay for TV access. Harry will look into setting this up.
- Website: Sue will take the lead in creating a new website on SquareSpace, with Jim assisting. We will have a few months of overlap of subscriptions between old & new.
- Raffle – Friends of Camp Denison: Volunteers are scheduled for Father's Day weekend and Independence Day weekend outside Crosby's and Georgetown Liquor.

3. Old business

- Eagle Scout projects: Thank you to both Scouts who worked on projects to improve Camp Denison: the new flagpole in the Bunkhouse area and the new tent platforms behind the Girl Scout cabin. They look great!
- Open Items
 - i. Flammable storage: We are working with Home Depot to get the cabinet we need.
 - ii. Pickup truck: Don will try to get inspection done in next two weeks and get any needed repairs done. We need to get a second driver approved by Town Hall, so these things can be taken care of if Don is not available. Harry will check with Town Hall about insurance coverage for use of golf cart.
 - iii. 5th & 6th grade visits: We will check with PTA in the fall to ask for help with paying for buses and for Andrew at North Shore Nature Programs.

4. Camp Manager's Report

- Sleeping bags: Asera School paid for sleeping bags that were purchased while they were here. They left them here. We will purchase a couple of bins to store them.
- Bathhouse showers: The shower curtains only overlap the shower lip by an inch and frequently water leaks out and onto the floor during use. We may be able to get a piece that glues over the lip to make it higher so water stays in the shower.
- Heat: If we want to get mini-splits via a grant, we would need to insulate the ceiling of the Lodge first. It would probably cost about \$40,000 for insulation and ceiling cover. It will cost about \$16-18,000 for mini-splits for Great Hall and Mess Hall, which would provide both heat and A/C.
- Rental bookings: Bookings are steady and calendar is quickly filling up for the summer.
- Fire inspection: Inspection has been completed. All changes they requested have been made. We will close up any holes in walls or ceilings once construction is complete.
- Our neighbor has requested additional speed bumps at entrance to Camp. We will purchase two 4-foot, heavy speed bumps to put at that end. Motion for maximum expenditure of \$500 (hopefully will cost much less). **Voted and approved.**
- Weddings are already being booked for 2023. We need to discuss updated rental rates at July meeting. Anything booked prior to that will be charged the 2022 rates.

5. Maintenance Update

- New shrubs and perennials planted around Camp and at Nelson St. entrance
- Met with Town Administrator for tour of Camp and discussion on energy-saving mini-splits for Lodge
- Downed tree and deadwood cleanup (ongoing project)
- Wood storage rearrangement (ongoing project)

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 pm

Scheduled Committee Meetings - 2022: 7/12, 8/9, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13