

Camp Denison Committee

November 14, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den - Camp Denison, and Zoom

Meeting Opened: 6:31 pm

Attendance: (x indicates attendance)

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

Guests: Tom Shores, Brenda Morrison

Administrative Business

Motion by George: Approve October 10, 2023 Minutes as amended. Seconded by Chris. Passed, 6-0.

Discussion and Motions:

1. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in Revolving Account is \$70,500
- Current cash flow is good.

Motion by Chris: Approve Treasurer's Report as written. Seconded by Sue. Passed, 6-0.

2. New business

- Thank you to Steve Pinto: Steve was thanked for his years of volunteering at Camp Denison, serving on the Committee, and his recent donation of tools to Camp Denison. He will be missed.
- Memorial to Jim Saunders: The garden area in front of the Lodge will be named "Jim Saunder's Garden." We will look into getting a tall rock to put in the center of the garden with a plaque. We will talk with someone in the Garden Club to see if they are willing to help with the garden.
- Discussion of rental rates for one-day events: Our policy for one-day rentals is that they may use the rented building/area starting as early as 8 am, with event clean-up being completed no later than 10 pm. The prices on the rental application apply to both part-day and full-day events.
- Friends of Camp Denison Christmas Party: The Committee is invited to join the Friends on Thursday, December 14, at 5:30 pm. Our regular Committee meeting will be held Dec. 12.

3. Old business

- Planning for Family Day 2024: Brenda Morrison of the Georgetown Youth Community Center joined our meeting to share thoughts and ideas.
 - Family Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 14. Hours will probably be 11 am to 3 pm.
 - Many ideas for activities were discussed. Brenda will check with a few of her contacts to see if they are interested and available to be a part of the events. She will also work on creating a flyer.
 - At our next meeting, we will create a sub-committee to plan the event.

- Nomination of new Committee member: We are waiting for Conservation Commission to vote on our nomination.
- Nature Center renovation for Manager's Apt:
 - The Select Board has designated Camp Denison as "historically significant." We will move forward with a request to the CPC for funds to put in a new septic system and water line. If approved, this will go on the spring Town Meeting warrant.
 - We will request a loan from the Town, to be paid back over 5 years via the Revolving Fund, for the cost of remodeling the interior of the Nature Center. Orlando will begin the paperwork so this can go on the spring Town Meeting warrant.
 - North Shore Nature Programs: A temporary office will be created in Smokey's Den for Andrew, and children's programs will be held there as well once work begins on the Nature Center.
- Community access during rental events: Several ideas were discussed, including ideas for fishing, and places to park. Don will also remind LARP groups of limits to use of the grounds.
- Purchase of leaf vacuum/blower: This would be helpful in cleaning up leaves around the property and close to buildings. We considered getting a model with mulching capability.
- Pumping station: Tabled til next month.
- Open Items
 - i. Outside LED lights by Lodge: LED floods have been installed.
 - ii. Recruiting new volunteers: Harry put up some flyers in town and also talked with Brenda from GYCC about social media ideas for recruiting more volunteers.
 - iii. Paving/curbs in spots along edges of entrance road: Will have to wait until spring.
 - iv. Revolving Account spending limit: Select Board agreed that an increase was needed. Orlando will add to the spring Town Meeting warrant.
 - v. Windows, insulation, and flooring: Mess Hall is set up for insulation and wall board.
 - vi. ADA upgrades: At this time, we are updating door handles to lever-type, and will work on increasing door openings to 36 inches.

4. Camp Manager's Report

- Don worked with Boy Scout troop to remove dock for the season.
- May wish to consider limiting the number of weekends LARP groups can book.

5. Maintenance Update: Firewood was restocked around camp, LED Christmas lights were put up in the Lodge, dozens of hours were spent with leaf removal and clean-up. Walls were framed below windows in Mess Hall; volunteers installed vapor wrap, insulation, drywall, and wood siding inside. Committee members covered cleaning and event management while the Camp Manager was on vacation.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Sue, seconded by George. Passed, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Scheduled Committee Meetings - 2023: 12/12 2024: 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11