

Camp Denison Committee

December 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Smokey's Den, Camp Denison

Meeting Opened: 6:32 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>
x	Jim Lacey, Treasurer	x	Jack LoCicero, Member		
	Steve Pinto, Asst. Treasurer				

Guests: Tom Shores (nominee to Committee), Brenda Morrison (Georgetown Community Youth Center)

Administrative Business

Motion by George: Approve November 14, 2023 Minutes as written. Seconded by Jim. Passed, 6-0.

Discussion and Motions:

1. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in Revolving Account is \$70,400
- Projected Income for second half of FY24 is \$14,750
- Increase of spending limit for revolving account to \$90,000 has been put on the Warrant for the spring town meeting.

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

2. New business

- Rentals by LARP groups: One LARP group has already booked eight events in 2024. We will not set a policy at this time, but if groups want to book more than eight weekends in a year, we will discourage them. Some groups only come for Saturday, so Friday and Sunday are still open for other events. Rentals will be booked first-come, first-served, based on the date of deposit.

3. Old business

- Family Day 2024: Brenda from GYCC will act as a co-chair. We will ask Tony Toledo to participate as MC and do kids games. Several other names were discussed, as people who might be interested in joining the planning committee.
- Jim Saunders Memorial Garden: Per Mary, Jim had requested that no monument or memorial be put up in his name. We will continue to work on the gardens. Members of the Garden Club may be willing to help. We need to have watering, weeding, and deadheading done in the gardens during the growing season.

- Community access during rental events:
 - The road up to the large parking lot and the entrance road to that lot will remain open at all times.
 - We will put up signs directing visitors to trails and boat launch through large lot.
 - Simple rules will be given to LARP groups (and other renters) in advance, including a map of areas that must remain open. These rules will also be given to people who rent a boat storage space. Don will write up a set of rules for discussion next month.
- Purchase of leaf blower/vacuum: Chris and Tom are looking at options. We would need to attach it to a tractor, not a mower+. They will bring recommendations at next month's meeting.
- Open Items
 - i. Nomination of new Committee member: We are waiting for the Conservation Commission to vote on nominee Tom Shores to join the Camp Denison Committee.
 - ii. Renovation of Nature Center:
 - Request for a loan for up to \$50,000 has been placed on the Warrant for the spring town meeting.
 - An application for money for the septic system expenses has been submitted to the Community Preservation Committee. If approved, it will also be placed on the Warrant for the spring town meeting.
 - iii. Windows, insulation, and flooring in Great Hall: An incredible amount of work has been completed by our dedicated volunteers in the past month.
 - iv. Recruiting new volunteers: Posters have been put up around town.
 - v. Pumping station: Tabled until spring.

4. Camp Manager's Report

- Girl Scout Cabin stove needs to be replaced. Options were discussed.
- We need to remind visitors that there is a Leash Law in Georgetown, and dog-walkers must keep their pets leashed at all times on Camp Denison property. We will put signs at the entrance to the Camp.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by George, seconded by Jack. Passed, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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