

## Camp Denison Committee

March 12, 2024

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

### Administrative Business

**Motion** by George: Approve Feb. 14, 2024 Minutes as written. Seconded by Jim. Passed, 6-0.

### Discussion and Motions:

1. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in Revolving Account is \$72,000
- Projected Income for second half of FY24 is \$13,275
- We need to create a Capital Spending budget plan. Chris will send Jack the list of projects to include. Jack will work on creating a list based on priority.
- We may need to increase the spending limit for the Revolving Fund to \$110,000, so that we are able to renovate the Nature Center and have enough left for our regular annual expenditures. Jim will check with the Town Administrator and the Conservation Agent.

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

2. New business

- Temporary office for North Shore Nature Center: We will be putting up a temporary office in the Mess Hall (2 walls, door, ceiling, space heater), with lockable storage cabinets outside. It must be completed by the end of June, but we can start on it now. Currently, there are heavy drapes that can be pulled across to close off the Mess Hall, but they are old and dirty. At some point (after temporary office is removed), we may consider putting doors up again.

**Motion** by Chris: Remove and dispose of drapes. Seconded by George. Passed, 5-1.

3. Old business

- Family Day: Saturday, Sept. 14 – Brenda from GYCC had planned to attend, but did not come to our meeting. She has done some research. We will invite her for next month's meeting.

- Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 30 – Brenda from GYCC picked up candy and eggs; GYCC kids will fill eggs. Jay from Boy Scout Troop 50 stopped in to offer troop to be volunteers at the event. Linda H. will be our Easter Bunny again this year. Kim T. is purchasing prizes for the 24 golden eggs. We contacted Tony Toledo about being the MC but have not heard back. Jim will pick up nut-free candy for children with allergies. Jim will ask Town Hall to put the event on the LED sign, and will ask Penn Brook to email parents with information. The recent heavy rains and possible additional rain this weekend may create problems, as the large parking lot may be too muddy to use. A decision will be made on Monday, March 25, on whether to cancel, so we'll have time to notify everyone through the same channels we have advertised the event.
- Boat Storage renewal process: Renewal payments are due by Friday, March 15, and calls will be made to anyone who hasn't paid. As of April 1, we will send a letter to anyone who hasn't renewed and hasn't removed their boat, warning them they have 7 days to remove their boat.
- Open Items
  - i. Nomination of new Committee member: Waiting for a ConCom vote.
  - ii. Renovation of Nature Center: Harry will get new quotes for the septic system. We can put the spoils along the edge of the parking lot to save money. He will also ask for a price for digging trenches for water and electric lines. We will send a letter to the B-Epic LARP group next week to notify them that they will need to move all items out of storage at the Nature Center by May 31, so we can begin renovations.
  - iii. Insulation and flooring in Great Hall:
    - Insulation is now complete. Thank you to our Camp Manager and amazing volunteers for all their hard work in bringing this project to completion.
    - Flooring options were researched. All required a temperature at or above 60 degrees at all times, so they won't work for us. Tongue-and-groove hard pine looks like our best option. We can purchase the materials in the fall. We will look for a product to seal the floor for the time being, to make it look a little nicer for rental events.
  - iv. Pumping Station: On hold.

#### 4. Camp Manager's Report

- Rentals are strong.
- Concerns were discussed about dog poop bags being left along trails. We already have signs up and provide trash receptacles. Unfortunately, it seems there's not much more that can be done.
- By the end of the month, Don will turn water on and put up speed bumps along entrance road.

#### 5. Maintenance Update

- The door between the kitchen and the Great Hall was replaced with an ADA-compliant, fire-rated door.
- The Yellow Trail bridge that was damaged by a fallen tree was jacked up and repaired. It is back in full use, thanks to a great job by our dedicated volunteers.

**Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn by George, seconded by Jim. Passed, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Scheduled Committee Meetings - 2024: 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9,8/13