

Minutes of February 19, 2017 Board Meeting

Attended: Ryan Kemmerick, Chuck Kernler, Dawn Littleton, Barb Nigon, Susan Powers, Mark Stopyro, Jeff Summerfield, Ruthann Yaeger Guests: Patty Kemmerick, Brian Littleton

Agenda Items:

- 1) Secretary's report: Sept and January minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer: no report until end of month.

Old Business

1. Brochures: Jeff brought printed brochures for all to see.
2. Membership: Chuck asked about keeping track of the interests that members check. Suggestions included Excel table or adding one Comment column, rather than individual columns.
3. Annual Meeting: Dawn reviewed speakers and topics. She will bring her own laptop and speak on upcoming invasive species to watch out for and how to prevent them from coming in, and Greg Lamp will speak on what's worked for him regarding buckthorn control on his property. Barb will bring sandwiches, soups and drinks.
4. Website: Sharon is dealing with family issues, but will continue working on website when she is able. Discussion ensued regarding starting an organization email. President should respond to queries and will forward to others as necessary. Updated webpage and new Facebook should be rolled out together. Ruthann will review website to make sure everything is correct now. Will add links to other organizations and useful information. Consider using Weebly program for web page. Very easy to manage, seamless turnover to new webmaster when becomes necessary.
5. Deer management: at Indian Heights Park. Any suggestions for city park? Deer fence discussed, not feasible. Many other methods discussed. Bow hunting OK on private land, but not on public property. May do deer drive to chase onto Assisi Heights property where hunt is legal.

New Business

1. Burn class: set up at Chester Woods for March 21 at 6:30 pm
2. Elections for board members. Barb asked those whose terms are up if they want to continue on board and if anyone wants to step up to an officer position. Barb, Chuck, and Ruthann and Jeff agreed to continue.
3. Field trips: Suggestions include: Assisi Heights, Prairie Moon, Pork & Plants pelleting operation using Shooting Star chaff. Discussion of Saturday vs. Sunday, vs. week days evenings for programs. Will ask at Annual mtg, also how far are they willing to travel.
4. New T-shirts: Keep same design, color discussion postponed. Long sleeved most useful, but short-sleeved is wanted too. Sweatshirt with hood discussed. May get a few to see how they go.
5. Fall picnic: will be at Chester Woods. Time/date TBA.
6. Share sites : Amazon Smile, Prairie Moon, others will give you tiny percentage. Will consider adding these to web page.
7. Memberships: Chuck will speak at Annual mtg regarding renewals and updating email addresses. Barb will call those people and clean up the list. We have March 1st and Sept 1st as renewal dates. Keep join rates the same for now. May add named levels later.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: June 7th.

R. Yaeger, sec'ty