

Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 12, 2009

Hamburg Community Library

6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Don Waldron

Don Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 12, 2009 Meeting

Don Waldron stated that he would check on the donation that John Watkins Architect stated that he would be willing to make. Pat Adams stated that there were a number of names that would require correction. Barry Shollenberger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Pat Adams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – Sue Fisher

Gregg Adams submitted Sue Fisher's February 2009 Treasurer's Report:

1. Balance in checkbook = 7540.35.
2. Income = \$219 membership & 245 donations.
3. Expenses = \$354.40 including renewal of our general liability insurance.
4. No changes in County account.

4. Committee Reports

A. Membership – Gregg Adams

Gregg Adams submitted the February 2009 Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 123, including:

- 5 Corporate
- 1 Donation
- 60 Family
- 7 Lifetime
- 19 Senior
- 30 Single
- 1 Student

5 Memberships are up for renewal in March:

- Family of Jane Adams
- Scott Crammer
- Raymond Heffner

B. Communications and Publicity – Jeff Hartman

i. Fall/Winter Newsletter

Gregg Adams stated that he intended to publish a combined Fall/Winter newsletter and that he needed articles to do so.

Gene Stohrer stated that he would have an article regarding the Schuylkill Watershed Congress.

ii. Website Update

Gregg Adams stated that the Events page of the website had been updated to support the 2009 QUAD Games, including video of the Bartram Breeze race course that had been linked to files posted on YouTube.

C. Lease/Grants – Don Waldron

i. Joint Agreement with Berks County, Tilden Township, SRHA

No action.

ii. Berks County Open Space Grant

No action.

D. Programs and Special Events – Pat Adams

i. 2009 Schedule of Events

Gregg Adams stated that he added the National Hunting and Fishing Day at Middle Creek to the calendar.

Pat Adams suggested adding a Family Day to the calendar.

ii. Schuylkill Watershed Congress Review

Gene Stohrer stated that the Congress was held on Saturday March 7th. He stated that the speaker was Andrew Pitts of the Lands Trust. He reviewed the seminars he attended and stated that he'd like to get involved in water quality issues as related to Blue Mountain Wildlife.

iii. Northern Berks QUAD Games Bartram Breeze – March 29, 2009

Pat Adams stated that the first race will be Sunday March 29th and volunteers are needed. She also stated that there are rocks on the trail that should be removed. She noted that Bob Folwell from the SRHA announced a March 21st work detail on the Bartram Trail starting at 9:00 a.m.

Barry Shollenberger stated that he has a twenty-eight-foot trailer that may be available to use as a registration station. He suggested contacting Don Coombs to volunteer.

iv. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 4, 2009

Pat Adams inquired as to the possibility of creating steps along the berm wall at the northwestern berm of the basin as a project. She suggested cement lentils.

Barry Shollenberger stated that such a project would be a big job.

Don Waldron suggested securing a rope at the top of the berm and laying screenings to form a path down the berm wall.

Gregg Adams suggested building a temporary ladder or steps that can be removed after use. He stated that we may not want to encourage traffic through the basin.

Therman Madeira suggested sinking posts for a rope, then securing the rope on the day of the event.

v. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 11, 2009

See above.

vi. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 18, 2009

See above.

vii. Fifth Annual Membership Banquet – April 24, 2009

Pat Adams stated that the Annual Banquet will be held at the Blue Mountain restaurant on April 24th at 6:00 p.m. She stated that the meal will be Ham and Turkey served family-style.

viii. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 25, 2009

No action.

ix. Bear Creek Festival – May 17, 2009

No action.

x. Environmental Education Day – May 29, 2009

Pat Adams stated that she has twelve presenters lined up and is still waiting for the Game Commission to respond. She stated that she is looking for a presenter to team with Porcupine Pat and present a lesson on animals.

Barry Shollenberger suggested contacting Brian Mohn of the PA Trappers Association. He stated that he works with Jim Steffle.

xi. Northern Berks QUAD Games Dutch Country Bike Race – June 7, 2009

No action.

E. Grounds, Maintenance and Rules – Barry Shollenberger

i. Therman Madeira Footbridge Project

Don Waldron stated that the project will move forward once the plans are completed.

Gregg Adams stated that he had discussed the plans with John Watkins and that the plans are scheduled to be completed within two weeks. He stated that Watkins was considering a lifetime membership for himself, corporate membership for his company and a plaque affixed to the bridge.

Don stated that the GP-7 permit is approved. He stated that the bridge will be constructed from glue/laminate beams. He stated that some excavation and a length of 30” piping will be needed. He also stated that some boulders will need to be moved. He stated that bids are not required on this portion of the project and that he’d like to use Kenny Reppert to do the excavation work.

Barry Shollenberger stated that existing rocks, fill and riprack could be used to save money. He requested that Saylor be checked with to see if the equipment he had offered is still available. He also suggested planting some hemlocks in the area of the bridge.

Don stated that additional silt fencing would be needed.

Therman Madeira stated that, with all bridges, the most important part is the landing and how the bridge is anchored. He stated that concrete footings are good.

ii. Kiosk Project

Barry Shollenberger stated that the project needs to be completed.

Gregg Adams suggested contacting Steve Ostrowski to help complete the project.

iii. Other

No action.

F. Local Group Liaisons Reports

Pat Adams stated that the NBRC will be scheduling a meeting to review comprehensive recreation planning and she would like to confirm Don Waldron and Barry Shollenberger's attendance at an evening meeting. She stated that NBRC is looking to do peer-to-peer meeting involving the Blue Mountain School District Recreation Director. She stated that the meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 30th at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m.

Barry Shollenberger reported that there is little possibility of Berks County Open Space grants in 2010.

5. Correspondence:

A. Non-Profit Partnership Letter to Hamburg Game Assn, Inc.

B. Sue Fisher Correspondence dated February 20, 2009

Gregg Adams reviewed the above-mentioned correspondence.

6. Old Business:

A. Final Draft Open Space Comprehensive Plan

Gregg Adams reviewed the draft plan. He reported that copies have been sent to BAMR and the surrounding municipalities for comment with a deadline of April 1st. He hoped to incorporate the comments and have the plan ready for adoption at the Annual Banquet on April 24th.

7. New Business:

A. Project Presentation: Outdoor Classrooms

Dan Cipetelli and Kurt Kissinger presented their ideas for the construction of the outdoor classrooms.

Pat Adams stated that there are twenty eight-foot maple logs ten to sixteen inches in diameter available for benches.

Dan inquired as to the number of benches BMW would like installed.

Gregg Adams stated at least three at each location.

Dan stated that he was looking for v-shaped legs to be made from donated concrete.

Pat stated that the sixteen-inch logs could make good bases.

Dan stated that both scouts are thinking of making and sharing forms for the legs.

Barry Shollenberger stated that Rohrbach has a portable sawmill and will cut logs onsite.

Pat stated that two full truckloads of chippings are available at the Monument parking lot.

Gregg inquired as to whether the two are coordinating their efforts.

Dan replied that they are collaborating on the informational signage for both classrooms. He stated that both projects should be completed quickly.

Barry suggested approaching Berks Products for donated materials.

Pat stated that Kurt is working on the classroom overlooking the Cabela's wetlands and will need a list of trees that have been planted in the wetlands.

Barry stated that he could get that list.

8. Courtesy of Floor:

Gregg Adams reported a conversation with Jessica Lichman of Systems Design Engineering, the engineer who presented the plan to connect port Clinton to Hamburg sanitary sewer system. He reported that SDE will be submitting a plan to route the force main under Port Clinton Avenue to secure funding for the project. Once funding is secured, SDE will research the railroad right-of-way route in depth with the hopes of locating the force main there and installing a trail over it.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Attendance

Gregg Adams
Pat Adams
Angela Johnson

Barry Shollenberger
Gene Stohrer
Don Waldron

Dan Cipetelli
Kurt Kissinger
Therman Madeira

Motions Passed

Motion to accept the minutes as amended