

Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated

Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting

June 11, 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 April 9 and May 14, 2009 Meetings

Mary Jo McCormick made a motion to accept the minutes of both meetings as submitted. Pat Adams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – Sue Fisher

Gregg Adams submitted Sue Fisher's June 1, 2009 Treasurer's Report:

1. Income was \$2146
2. Expenses were \$2142.28
3. Current checking balance is \$5826.57, a lot of which will be used for the bridge.
4. County grant account used and closed.

Don Waldron reported that Tilden Township donated \$1,000.00 and that Adam and Sons has donated the time they used in the bridge construction to Blue Mountain Wildlife.

Gregg reported that the Dutch Country Bike Races took in \$767.00 on race day.

Pat Adams reported that the first place male in the 15-mile bike race donated his \$50 prize tot BMW. She made a motion to grant him a free one-year membership for his donation.

Mary Jo McCormick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

A. Membership – Gregg Adams

Gregg Adams submitted the June 1, 2009 Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 126, including:

- 5 Corporate
- 1 Donation
- 64 Family
- 7 Lifetime
- 20 Senior
- 29 Single
- 0 Student

17 Memberships are up for renewal in June:

- Boyd Adams, Jr.
- Family of Walter Axsmith
- Sharon Billger
- Nancy Freitag
- Charles Gehris
- William Heller
- Ernie Kramer

Julian Natisin
Sarah Powell
Family of Scott Ringler
Judith Adams
Richard Freitag

B. Communications and Publicity – Jeff Hartman

i. Spring Newsletter

Gregg Adams reported that he'd like to publish the Spring newsletter at the end of June. He stated that he needs articles on the bridge construction project, Environmental Education Day and the Scout Projects.

Gregg also reported that he submitted an article to the Item on the Dutch Country Bicycle Races.

C. Lease/Grants – Don Waldron

No report.

D. Programs and Special Events – Pat Adams

i. Bear Creek Festival Review

Gregg Adams stated that the Bear Creek Festival was well attended and that a number of people stopped by the stand and that about fifteen children entered the coloring contest.

i. Environmental Education Day Review

Pat Adams stated that the inclement weather forced the event to relocate to the Tilden Elementary School, although two of the stations were located outside on the grounds. She stated that Dave McSurdy commented on the density of the maple stand and Stan Snyder suggested that the school cut trails through the stand for the children to access it. Pat stated that Perry Elementary School sent their fifth-graders, which kept all the presenters busy.

iii. Northern Berks QUAD Games Dutch Country Bike Race Review

Pat Adams reported good weather and a good turnout.

iv. Hamburg Community Days – July 3 & 4, 2009

Gregg Adams stated that Porcupine Pat, Dave "Big Owl" McSurdy and members of the SCCD were not available and that BMW would have to pay the flat \$50 fee to attend. He made a motion to authorize payment of the entry fee.

Mary Jo McCormick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

v. Fifth Annual Membership Banquet Reschedule – July 30, 2009

The sentiment of the group was to hold the "banquet" at the Port Clinton Park.

It was suggested that Jeff Schaeffer be contacted for more information on the Park and Pavilion.

v. Northern Berks QUAD Games Duathlons – September 12, 2009

Pat Adams stated that volunteers would be needed for the races. There would be

fewer needed because the races are on the property.

vii. Northern Berks QUAD Games Frosty Kerny Races – October 17, 2009

No report.

viii. King Frost Parade – October 31, 2009

No report.

E. Grounds, Maintenance and Rules – Barry Shollenberger

i. Therman Madeira Footbridge Project

Don Waldron reported that the bridge project should be completed by the end of June to meet the deadline for the grant. He stated that the beams have been placed and that the framing should go quickly. He stated, however, that Cogle's needs four weeks lead time to produce the plastic lumber decking. He stated that a letter requesting an extension from the County is required.

ii. Kiosk Project

Barry Shollenberger stated that there has been no progress on the kiosk and that he plans to finish it after the bridge is completed.

iii. Other

Pat Adams mentioned that BAMR is considering erecting a gate at the Monument to prohibit vehicular traffic on Kernsville Dam Road, possibly as a response to a recent rash of "mudding" incidents in the area of the Dam.

Barry Shollenberger confirmed the intention of BAMR to install the gate. He stated that bollards may need to be installed at the trailhead of the Wetlands Trail to keep out vehicular traffic.

Don Waldron stated that bollards will also be needed at the new footbridge.

F. Local Group Liaisons Reports

Pat Adams reported that Allen Shollenberger of the NBRC is recommending a joint SRHA/NBRC trail walk between the Hamburg Reservoir, Port Clinton and the Kernsville Dam to promote the recreational possibilities in the area. She stated that the Tilden Township EAC has recommended a rezoning of the KDRA from LI-Light Industrial to OS-Open Space. She noted that the Tilden Township Zoning Board will support and will waive the advertising costs. She stated that BAMR must be notified and an appropriate comment period allowed. She also stated that there are two geocaching locations in the KDRA, as well as one location for "treasure hunting".

Barry Shollenberger stated that he was aware of a third geocaching location.

5. Correspondence:

A. Don Taste of Hamburg-er Committee

B. Pennsylvania Renewable Energy Festival 2009

C. King Frost Parade Committee

Gregg Adams reviewed the above-mentioned correspondence. There was no comment from the Directors.

6. Old Business:

A. Venture Crew – L. Ronald Mallicone, Senior District Executive, BSA

Ron Mallicone described the Venturing Program, stating that it is for fourteen to twenty-one year-olds and is not just for outdoor activities. He stated that a new Venture Crew requires a twenty-dollar charter fee and a place to meet.

Tammy ?? stated that the Venture Crew requirements are more lenient and more inclusive and those of the Boy Scouts.

Ron stated that he would recruit five adults and five kids to start the Crew. He stated that BMW would provide a chartered representative and a committee chair. He stated that the fee for adults is fifteen dollars plus a three-dollar insurance fee. He stated that the Crew could meet as often as desired.

Tammy stated that the Crew she is involved with meets biweekly.

Pat Adams inquired as to what is involved in the meetings.

Tammy stated that the meetings usually had a formal first half and then an informal planning session or an activity in the second half.

B. Eagle Scout Projects Update

Pat Adams stated that the Kurt Kissinger had been working on his project the previous day and had emplaced one of the six planned by four p.m. She noted that the other Eagle Scout candidate had yet to pick up his logs.

7. New Business:

None.

8. Courtesy of Floor:

None.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attendance:

Gregg Adams

Pat Adams

Mary Jo McCormick

Harry Nelson

Barry Shollenberger

Don Waldron

L. Ronald Mallicone, Senior District Executive, BSA

Tammy ??

Motions Passed:

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 9th and May 14th meetings.

Motion to grant Tom Bartolucci a free one-year membership for the donation of his first place bike race prize