

Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated

Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2009

Hamburg Community Library

6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Don Waldron

Don Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2009 Meeting

The approval of the minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting was deferred until such time as a quorum is present. Don Waldron suggested that the spelling of “paninis” be checked. He also noted that Reverend Daniel Flynn is Alvernia College’s contact for community service projects.

3. Treasurer’s Report – Sue Fisher

Gregg Adams submitted Sue Fisher’s October 1, 2009 Treasurer’s Report:

Total income = \$4693 (Mostly from donations made in March)

Total expenses = \$2335.97

Net profit = \$2357.03

I will mail the form to Thrivent tomorrow so we qualify for matching funds. We are not sure what changes they’ve made to matching our funds since we last qualified. I will keep you posted. ***Current balance in checking is \$1352.00 and we may need a chunk of that to send to Thrivent, though we will get it back.***

October income = \$405.00

October expenses = \$763.40

4. Committee Reports

A. Membership – Gregg Adams

Gregg Adams submitted the August 1, 2009 Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 115, including:

7 Corporate

2 Donation

57 Family

10 Lifetime

15 Senior

24 Single

0 Student

2 Memberships are up for renewal in November:

Thomas Healey

Steven Stetzler of the Deitsch Eck Restaurant

B. Communications and Publicity – Jeff Hartman

i. Fall Newsletter

Gregg Adams stated that he intends to publish the Fall newsletter in mid-December.

ii. Website/Facebook

Gregg Adams noted that the website has been updated with the QUAD Games results and pictures from the footbridge dedication. He stated that the Facebook page is up to 12 friends.

C. Lease/Grants – Don Waldron

No report.

D. Programs and Special Events – Pat Adams

i. Northern Berks QUAD Games Frosty Kerny Races Review

Gregg Adams stated that the races went well but the participation level suffered with the postponement and the threatening weather. He stated his concern with attracting sufficient volunteers.

Don Waldron stated that his concerns focused on procuring and returning the barricades and with the public relations issues that go with closing streets.

Gregg stated that he is considering requesting that sponsors send volunteers of offset the cost of hiring volunteers.

Don suggested approaching high school groups to provide volunteers.

Mary Jo McCormick suggested approaching Penn State Berks to request volunteers.

Don suggested making orienteering an event.

Gregg stated that it is difficult to consider ending the QUAD Games now that we have the expertise and equipment to run them.

Mary Jo suggested partnering with other local groups to run the Games.

ii. Therman Madeira Switchback Footbridge Dedication Review

Gregg Adams stated that the dedication ceremony went well, except for the fact that none of the commercial sponsors could attend. He stated that he would like to honor them somehow.

Mary Jo McCormick indicated that she could give the plaque to Watkins.

Don Waldron stated that he could stop by the remaining sponsors.

Gregg requested that Don contact him once he had the visits scheduled.

iii. 2010 Program Schedule

Gregg Adams stated that he would like to see a return to the annual banquet, but on a more casual basis as Barry Shollenberger had suggested earlier this year. He stated that he intended to contact area restaurants to see who may host the event.

E. Grounds, Maintenance and Rules – Barry Shollenberger

i. Kiosk Project

Gregg Adams stated that the project now seems complete.

ii. Footbridge Project

Gregg Adams stated that the project now seems complete.

F. Local Group Liaisons Reports

Gregg Adams stated that Hamburg Community Day appears to be ready to move to Sidewalk Sale Saturday.

5. Correspondence:

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

A. Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout Candidate Casey Schneck was accompanied by his father Marcus Schneck. Casey proposed an orienteering course and geocaching sites using the existing trail system.

Gregg Adams inquired as to when the project would be accomplished.

Casey stated that he would complete the project over the winter. He stated that the orienteering course would be primarily in the basin.

Gregg pointed out that the basin is currently a wildlife study area and the course should be low-impact.

Casey inquired as to resources for historical research.

Don Waldron suggested Jeff Hartman

Gregg suggested Pat Adams

Mary Jo McCormick inquired as to the number of hours that are required by the project.

Casey stated that he was unsure of the number of hours that the project would take and noted that the requirement for HAHS community service is twenty-four hours and that there is no formal time requirements for the Eagle Scout project.

Mary Jo inquired as to whether the project could include references to local wildlife.

Casey stated that it could.

Gregg pointed out that any items installed must be low-maintenance and durable.

Don pointed out that the basin is still active and may be inundated in the future.

Marcus Schneck suggested that the project start in the northwest corner of the basin to avoid the inundation area.

The Board members thanked Casey Schneck for his presentation. It was the sentiment of the Board to grant approval to the project and requested that Casey update the Board at future meetings with more detailed plans and progress reports.

B. Community Service Volunteers

Gregg Adams reviewed the correspondence and noted that he intended to have Elizabeth pick up trash and do a traffic count on the Therman Madeira Switchback, if no other suggestions were made.

8. Courtesy of Floor:

Don Waldron stated that Allen Shollenberger is hosting a hike on the Friday after Thanksgiving which appears to be attracting a number of area notables and that he would like to attend.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Attendance:

Gregg Adams
Dennis Henne

Mary Jo McCormick
Casey Schneck

Marcus Schneck
Don Waldron