

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Dean Locke, Eric Nuse

Absent: Laura Branca, Denise Krause, Hillary Emick, Jackie Stanton, Noel Dodge

Guests: Kelly Vandorn, Jacob Vandorn

There was no quorum, so August's minutes were not approved.

TNL WRAP-UP

The rubber poop brought 'em in! Noel, Dean and Eric did a swell job and drew a steady audience on the last evening of the season, ending up an all-around good string of displays. Dean has an exhibit around bear behavior that he will do for March Gladness and again next year for TNL.

KIOSK AT BEARD'S

We'll meet at 8:30 at Beard's Recreation to build the kiosk on Sunday, September 23. Kelly and Jacob brought shingles and Sue will bring strapping. Noel has hemlock poles for the uprights and scrap plywood and lumber for the frame. We have timberlocks left over from the bridge.

CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND

We need to draw up guidelines for giving donations to the fund. It would be helpful to check out the town of Georgia's guidelines and their one page application; we can rewrite Georgia's policies to suit our needs. Dean and Eric offered to put time in on this job and will consider what projects would be covered by Reserve Fund donations.

JOURNEY'S END NATURE TRAIL

Sue will follow up with team members Denise and Jackie to set a date for a plant and tree survey. They'll look at the LANDS plan that concentrated on education and develop a plan over the winter. Education will be the focus.

GOMO UPDATE

A good deal of small trees and puckerbrush weren't cut when the brush hogging was done so we have to clear those out while doing apple tree release. We decided that more frequent brush hogging is needed in order to keep growth under control. We'll meet on October 2 at 9:00 at Gomo to do the brush cutting, with October 3 as a rain date.

Eric reported that the illegal tree stand is still on the property, along with ATV tracks going to it. Brian Story was to follow up on this issue last year and it's unknown whether that happened.

McCUIN ISLAND

Noah Pollock will attend the October 9 meeting to discuss it. Reining in the camping there will be our topic.

MISC:

- As per Lois' email survey, we'll go back to the second Tuesday schedule from here on.
- There's a whole city of fairy houses down at Journey's End, with stones being this year's favorite building materials. They're really cool.

Adjourned at 8:35.

The next meeting will be on October 9 at the Library at 6:45.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary.