

Trails End Youth Camp Board of Trustees
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Tim Miller, Joe Baye, Heather Towers Moreno, CeCe Rudnicki, Charmaine Riddle, Rachel Stilwell and Michele vanDoorn (virtual)

Meeting called to order: 5:03 pm Law enforcement center courthouse

Minutes: Reviewed, Motion to approve by Tim Miller, second by Joe Baye, all in favor – motion carried.

Public Comments/Correspondence: - None

Caretaker/Maintenance Report: CeCe reports Wi-fi expansion complete. Camera installation in progress. Board walk is being added by the swamp, will be completed by October. Solar power bench is being donated by Excel. It will have a charging station. Update on weeds and the trail. Working on getting seeds to attract butterflies and bees. Continuing to work on trails.

Coordinator Report –A review of the finances was done. Charmaine reports we are in good shape. Shirt sales have started and appear to be doing well and bringing in new revenue. Rental income is doing well. Charmaine reported on our inspection findings. There were a couple of marks against us that were fixed, and we were not fined. Issues with plumbing and water. Issues with getting plumbing fixed was discussed too. Tim would speak to a plumber about the issues and explore plumber assistance. Several board members mentioned wanting the plumbing to be considered. It was brought up concerns about youth groups, and how they use the facility. Should we charge a security deposit with youth groups? We delayed this discussion until new business.

Chair Report - Tim had nothing to report at this time.

Old Business – Discussions around selling 3 canoes and purchasing kayaks. The board discussed the best options for selling. There was a motion by Tim to get the value of canoes assessed for value. Joe seconded that motion, and the board approved. CeCe also mentioned the canoe trailer hitch that needs repairing. The board discussed it being a safety concern. Joe motioned for this to be evaluated and repaired for safety. Heather seconded that motion, and the board approved. New order for t-shirt apparel will be made in fall.

New Business: Discussion was brought up regarding rate changes for youth groups. There has been extra trash, and sometimes damage. Board discussed pros and cons but didn't come to a decision. More discussion should be had. We will follow up next meeting. Charmaine will speak to Breanne Meyer to get more perspective around the youth group challenges. We also discussed increasing trash pickups during that time.

CeCe discussed the “Leaf it to Rusk” event this weekend. Camp will be open for the event on Sunday. Charmaine brought up concerns from the Grathwol/Wojcuich family reunion. This family has come for years, but the kids are getting older. Concerns around safety and supervision. There was evidence of shooting on the campground. Cedar

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cabin was left uncleaned and with candles everywhere. The board agreed, it was unsafe and against our policies. Discussion with how to address the issue with the family. The family hopes to remain in good standing, and to be able to return.

There was a motion by Joe to send a letter, stating the seriousness of the violation, and that next year would be a probationary period for the family. Heather seconded the motion, and all approved. The family is to call Tim Miller as the chair, to share a plan on how they will abide by camp guidelines going forward. There was a discussion to update our policies to include a section about supervision. We can consider this in our annual meeting.

CeCe brought up Hunting on the grounds. Discussion over hunting permit. The need for a permit to regulate the ordinance and education. There will be a notice on the gate regarding permit needed. Michele voiced, that you must be a certain distance from residents and property when shooting. Joe felt strongly that the swinging bridge should also have signs. Charmaine and CeCe will add to the hunting agreement around distance and safety and usage. There's a plan to review this at October's meeting, Subcommittee can meet and work out the details regarding hunting.

Any other business relating to Camp – Charmaine read a thank you letter from Lenore regarding receiving a camp shirt. In addition to completing the boardwalk, inmates will also dismantle and dispose of the illegal shooting structures and shooting/target area. Heather brought up the swinging bridge. She feels it needs some work, and that it brings nostalgia to those who have attended camp there in the past. The board discussed looking into repairing it evaluating it in the future. CeCe will talk to Scott who inspects bridges.

Next Meeting: October 19th, 2021, at 5:00 pm Law enforcement center in the courthouse. To consider subcommittee with CeCe, Tim, Charmaine and Joe offered to help to discuss the hunting policy. Regular Annual meeting to be held at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn: 6:30 pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:

Rachel Stilwell