



## MINUTES

Trail's End Camp Board of Trustees

April 18, 2023

Rusk County Government Center – LEC

**Members and staff present:** Lois Goode, Valerie Spooner, Ron Weber, Heather Towers, Jim Moore, Mary Big Mountain, Charmaine Riddle, CeCe Rudnicki

**Meeting called to order** by Chair Goode at 5:06 PM. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Moore/Spooner motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2022. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Caretaker/Maintenance Report:** Rudnicki went over April 2023 Report – attached. Logs for pavilion were cut by Forestry and many were moved by horse to staging area. Logs will be peeled and site will be prepped in May. Discussed need for yard clean up because of December storm. Rudnicki spoke with one company about clean up. They looked at camp while the snow was still on the ground. Additional bids may be necessary. Riddle will follow up. Plat book ads were put together in January and will be placed in the Rusk County plat book. Much of camp merchandise is available at Gateway Gourmet. They only charge us 15% commission since we are a non-profit. Great response so far.

**Coordinator Report:** Riddle went over the calendar. Camp is mostly full for 2023. Very few weekends remain. Time has been allotted for the pavilion build which will get worked on Monday-Wednesday for a 3-4 week period.

**Trustee Time:** Towers reported the Girl Scouts have a nature theme for this year. Spooner reported that RCYC has camp booked for June and they hope to do a service project for camp. Moore asked that damaged trees be left if they don't need to be cut. Also, he will be assisting with historical photos for signs. Big Mountain would like to have 4-H camp assist with service projects.

**Old Business:** Bridge inspection was done by Larry Gotham, PE in 2022. Report was submitted at that time recommending replacement. This will be something submitted for capital improvements for upcoming budget requests.

**New Business:** Rudnicki sent a questionnaire out on Facebook asking for interest and input into topics for an "Escape to Trail's End Camp Women's Weekend" planned for September. She received 60 responses. Great input and much enthusiasm was received for the idea. She will be working to find instructors for the top suggested topics. This is planned to be a 2-day camp. Attendees will have option if they wish to stay over. Because of December storm and need to hire someone for yard cleanup, no spring work day will need to be scheduled. Rudnicki is working with Flambeau Correctional Facility to get assistance to clear nature trail damage. Riddle sent notices to all 3 schools asking for a volunteer for a trustee representing schools. No commitments yet.

**Next meeting:** May 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM at LEC

Towers/Moore motion to adjourn. Chair Goode adjourned meeting at 6:04 PM.



## April 2023 Report

### Completed

- Maintenance staff did a great job opening the driveway after the damage in December
- Gravel was spread in driveway in the late fall – topsoil stockpiled
- Trees were cut for pavilion by Forestry
- Moved most of pavilion logs to staging area by horse

### Planned for prior to opening

- Finish moving logs and tops
- Peel logs – treat with insecticide
- Treat stumps – or grind stumps
- Get pavilion site prepped – leveled, concrete poured
- Get water turned on, flushed and tested
- Clean up downed branches, trees, etc from December storm – this is LOTS of work!
- Split firewood
- Rake needles
- Finish camera installation and networking
- Resolve kitchen stove concerns
- Build closing display for rock case and sports storage in Ebling Hall
- Install new AV screen in Ebling
- Get nature trail cleared (Camp Flambeau?)
- Replace shower curtains
- Repair shower faucets
- Make access for valves under kitchen sink
- Clean cabins, replace smoke alarms
- Prep buildings for a BUSY year
- Get screen doors replaced on some cabins
- Complete repairs in privies

### 2023 Work Plan

- Build new pavilion
- Create new obstacle course
- New entrance sign
- Split rail fences
- Complete Nature Trail improvements – overlook, benches, nature ID, marking posts, map
- Assess and complete exterior painting needs of buildings
- Replace portion of sidewalk on west side of kitchen (7' x 11.5' area)
- Repair and paint picnic tables
- Add mulch under picnic tables