



MINUTES

Trail's End Camp Board of Trustees

April 19, 2022

Rusk County Government Center – Law Enforcement Center

Members and staff present: Joe Baye, Valerie Spooner, Paula Carow, Steve Monday, Ron Weber, Heather Moreno, Breanna Jakobi (BlueJeans), Charmaine Riddle, CeCe Rudnicki

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Moreno at 5:03 PM

Introductions were done. Valerie Spooner is new member representing Rusk County Youth Council. Welcome Valerie!

Minutes: Weber/Baye motion to approve minutes from October 19, 2021. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Caretaker/Maintenance Report: Rudnicki went over March 2022 Report – attached.

Coordinator Report: Riddle reported on AARPA funding for nature trail. \$13,200 has been allocated for Nature Trail improvements. Discussion about pavilion possibility and location. Additional bids will be coming in and we are hoping to take this to the Property Committee on May 13. Riddle went over the 2022 calendar. The 2021 budget has been finalized and \$3000 was carried forward to do dirt/gravel work at camp. There is \$1380.64 in the donation account. Prices are increasing for clothing. Trustees agreed to adjust clothing rates to make profit the same as 2021. Vomit and diarrhea kits have been supplied at camp as required. Kwh costs have not changed. Riddle has talked to the Finance office about the requirement for insurance when a group uses camp. Hoping to get this removed as people using Forestry pavilions do not require this.

Old Business: Rudnicki hopes to use summer help staff to do additional improvements on the trail. Discussion about preparing for planting for pollinator plants in the boardwalk area.

New Business: Riddle has reached out to ICAA to see if they still have an interest on the board. She went over terms and who will be up for renewal this year. Discussion about what the trustees need to assist them in their roles. Riddle will send out 2022 work plan and 2021 annual report. Members mentioned it would be helpful to know what their role is. This will be added to future meeting to discuss – including having each member describe how they meet the needs of the group they represent. There was discussion about programming ideas such as: Hosting Chamber 5:05 again, having maps and orienteering available to camp users. It was agreed that youth camps have difficulty finding volunteers, especially for lifeguards and cooks. How can we assist? Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Lions? Can there be exceptions for groups to use camp and not have to pay? Groups can bring request to Trustees. No spring work day planned since spring has not yet arrived. ☺

Next meeting: May 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Trail's End Camp, Ebling Hall. Elections will be held at that time because of member replacements who will be joining us.

Vice Chair Moreno adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM



March 2022 Report

Spring Work Plan

- Winter Open House – March 27 planned
- First group scheduled for May 6-8 (wedding)
- Get water turned on and pipes flushed
- Have water tested
- Bruce School Earth Day clean up assistance – mid-May
- Rake yard and pick up sticks
- Spring clean cabins
- Spring clean kitchen and dining hall
- Spring clean bathrooms and showers
- Spring clean shop
- Clean boathouse and get canoe trailers serviced
- Empty garbage from Caretaker's cabin
- Trail Work
 - Burn old boardwalk
 - Prep swamp area near boardwalk for seeding
 - Anchor boardwalk
 - Finish additional structures on west trail
 - Build benches
 - Map trail
 - Hand railing on steps

2022 Work Plan

- Split rail fences
- New entrance sign
- Complete Nature Trail improvements – overlook, benches, nature ID, marking posts, map
- Install rain gutters and route drainage for the kitchen and Ebling Hall
- Replace and paint damaged siding on the kitchen and Ebling hall
- Assess and complete exterior painting needs of numerous buildings
- Replace portion of sidewalk on west side of kitchen (7' x 11.5' area)
- Paint picnic tables