



MINUTES

Trail's End Camp Board of Trustees

August 16, 2022

Trail's End Camp – Ebling Hall

Members and staff present: Lois Goode, Joe Baye, Valerie Spooner, Ron Weber, Steve Monday, Jim Moore, Charmaine Riddle, CeCe Rudnicki

Meeting called to order by Chair Goode at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Baye/Spooner motion to approve minutes from July 19, 2022. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Spooner wanted to let the trustees know that Kellie helped with the RCYC leadership camp in July and she was fantastic!

Election of Secretary: Chair Goode called for nominations. Baye nominated Steve Monday. Baye/Spooner motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Monday. Motion carried.

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

Coordinator Report: Riddle attended the Finance meeting for budgets today. She updated the committee on funds that need to yet be spent for 2022. Since the stove funds will need to come out of the budget, she will need to ask for contingency to cover overages. There was discussion about having an ongoing summer intern designated for camp. She also talked to the committee about the need for TULIP policies and if this requirement is something that can be removed. If this can be done, it would likely be much easier to raise rates, bringing in more income to the county. Michele Van Doorn resigned from the Trustees Board. She represented the schools. We will need to advertise to fill this position, along with the vacant 4-H representative position.

Trustee Time: Spooner said the RCYC Leadership camp was great to have at TEC. Discussion about attracting more school groups. Reach out to district administrators.

Old Business: Chamber 5:05 is September 13 at camp. This is an informal gathering of Chamber members. Chamber meeting is held, followed by social hour. Rudnicki will have campfire with hot dogs and s'mores. Might have other activities. Picnic Under the Pines will be September 25 during Leaf it to Rusk weekend. It will be from noon-5. Rudnicki has arranged to have The Dam Lincolns playing from 2-4 and Chris Cold will be doing a wildlife demonstration earlier. She is arranging to have a food truck there serving BBQ. Baye suggested marketing the event on WLDY. Riddle and Rudnicki will work on getting clothing and other items to sell during the event. We may need help from trustees during the event. We will know more by the next meeting. Riddle went over the trustee guidelines submitted by Towers last month. Bring your ideas and suggestions for change to the next meeting.

New Business: Rates can be changed at the Annual meeting in October. Start thinking about what the rates are (for both private and youth) and whether or not they should be raised. If they should be raised, to what? Jump River is increasing electric rates. Should we charge a flat rate and no additional fees for utilities? Should we offer a conference rate for educational events? Riddle currently backs out tax from the rate that is currently charged. Should we be adding tax onto the rate instead? Is it okay for groups to “hold their weekend” each year? Bylaw revisions are also considered at the Annual meeting. Look these over to see if you think there needs to be changes. For sure we need to remove ICAA as a represented group. RCYC has already been added. Do we need clarification on providing a substitute or attendance requirements? Look over before the next meeting.

Next meeting: September 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Rusk County Government Center.

Chair Goode adjourned the meeting at 6:25. Walked around camp to check out projects.



August 2022 Report

Completed

- Camp continues to be full of users – lots of check in, check out and cleaning camp
- Kellie worked with 4-H groups and Girl Scouts
- Gutters installed on Ebling and kitchen – ordered gutter guard
- Painted benches

Planned for August/September

- New kitchen stove installed and hooked up
- Get cameras placed throughout camp for security
- Trail work
- Gravel for driveway
- Chamber 5:05 – September 13
- Picnic Under the Pines with music and wildlife demonstration – September 25/noon-5 PM