

FONAT Meeting Minutes
06/15/2016

Attendees:

Glen
Liz
Stan
Helena
Tom
Mike
Jim
Rob
Steve Foster
Eva Hamori (NAIS President)
Jeff Soloff
Andy Firmin
Phila Slade (NAIS Vice-President)
Karen

Eva Hamori gave out invites to NAIS annual meeting (June 20th) w/ Spring Newsletter

Updates from Glen

We got new member families at last 2 hikes
- Note that we need to bring membership forms to hikes

Spring newsletter is out
Leonard Farm CR acquisition by Essex County Greenbelt Association
- ECGA is looking to raise money for this CR purchase

Steve could not make meeting
- He sent Glen a financial summary which was sent around

1st five kiosk posters are installed - Glen working on the final 5

Greene Street kiosk needs replacement plexiglass

Trail report from Tom & everyone

- James Swamp work to open community trail to Johnson Street & removed vine on kiosk on June 4th
- July 9th is next work day (Ridge & Scout trails at Mazurenko)
- Need to make sure trail reports are going to Tom
- Sumac cut down at Mazurenko - not known who did it
- No other reports

Berry Pond to reopen June 25th
- 10-6 everyday
- \$8 daily parking

Helena to figure out what to give away for National Night Out (August 2nd)
- Suggestion was FONAT stickers

July hike
- Concern about Trustees parking cost - suggestion was made that we move starting location to Brightview

- Glen to check w/ Brightview about parking - estimate is for up to 20 cars

Liz presented leader responsibility document that she created

- Suggestion to add ticks & poison ivy to "On the Day of the Walk" #1
- YES - we should take the waiver forms with us on the hike
- Mike suggested the following for the "Leader/Co-Leader Responsibilities" on page 2
 - * "Maximize safety" instead of "Minimize risk"
 - * Add "Make participants feel welcome"

Other business

Jim suggested having 1 or 2 hikes through the year be on Saturday instead of Sunday to accommodate folks who have a standing conflict on Sundays

Eva suggested having a kids focus hike

BCT Region 2 (Georgetown to Andover) hikes are being planned for the Fall w/ car spotting

Projects

Mazurenko

- Bridge & boardwalk - we obtained a negative determination for the RDA Steve Foster submitted which means we can proceed; had long discussion about width of boardwalk & bridge; Steve looking at dry summer season to build; Steve, Mike, Rob, & Jim to help with building
- Connector trails small projects proposal was approved by the ConCom; need to schedule as a trail work day activity
- Eagle Scout project on the Scout trail - crossing for at least one of the two stream crossings
- Glen & Stan to work on direction signs on trails at intersections and at field openings

BCT boardwalks

- DCR wants Lost 50 trail for a fire road
- Two other boardwalks to be built - need DCR & ECGA approvals; November 5th AMC volunteers slated to work on one of these

\$200 Eagle Scout donation

- Glen wants to donate to 2 scout projects
 - * Frankie - kiosk
 - * Anuvind - Mazurenko stream crossing
- this was approved by all in attendance

Karen suggested putting together some short videos to advertise FONAT that could be broadcast on NA CAMM

- we need to collect suitable video or still shots