

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

Board Meeting

February 7, 2011

Present: Ellen Rugemer, Barbara Trump, Marcia Bogash, Justin Watts, Donna Davis, Maryann Turner, Bill Skinner

Town of Manchester: Doug Myers

Volunteers: Vince DePalmer; Tom Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Ellen Rugemer at Manchester Town Office

Minutes: approved as presented. Motion by Marcia Bogash, second by Justin Watts.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept November report by Marcia Bogash, second by Barbara Trump. Motion to accept the January report by Marcia Bogash, second by Maryann Turner. Ellen Rugemer reported on new display area for Nature Center.

Naturalist Report: Attached. Request made for portable air conditioner. Marcia Bogash moved and Donna Davis seconded that we purchase same. Motion was passed. Justin will look into costs of these units.

Also requested purchase of pond and insect nets. Barbara Trump questioned about recent purchase of nets. Ellen will check. Motion passed that the rest of money from Ebb Valley be used to buy the needed nets.

Bill Skinner (Vice-Chairperson) arrived and took over running the meeting.

Public Relations: A lecture on archaeology will be held at North Carroll Library on April 5 by Stephen Israel. Ellen Rugemer will look into purchase of handout items with Nature Center info. Marcia will email Doug Myers with information on upcoming events to put on Town of Manchester site.

Programs:

- **Easter Adventure: Work Day will be April 9. Justin will try to get volunteers. Justin, Barbara and Maryann will work outside. Others will work indoors stuffing eggs. Bill Skinner will pick up cases of water for Volunteers. Event will be on April 16th. Ellen R will ask Scouts to help with Parking and patrolling grounds. Information will be handed out to arriving cars with Spring Fest and Fishing Derby info.**

- **Spring Fest:** Barbara Trump reported that letters for sponsors had gone out in January. There will be more nature related demos. Face-painting; potter, Bee man Steve McDaniel will have a display and sell honey, paper making, Maryann Turners will make bird feeders. She will also arrange for a compost demo. Master Gardeners will have an info table, 4H will handle food sales. Justin Watts is in charge of Kids Corral, Ellen Rugemer is in charge of crafts, Vince DePalmer will have a Bocce Ball display, Stephen Israel will have info on archaeology investigation. We are waiting to hear from Fire Dept., Pony rides, and several other things.
Cookie cutters and modeling clay needed for potter. Maryann needs wood for bird feeders.
Ellen and Donna will investigate purchase of vests for Volunteers.
Need an Entrance Sign and a way to restrict flow of traffic.
- **Fishing Derby:** No report.
- **Benefactor's Picnic:** No report.
- **Bocce Ball:** Dates for 2011 will be June 11, August 6, and October 1. Vince needs copies of applications. He also wants to have Business Cards printed. Nature Center will cover these costs. He will contact WTTR. Marcia will send advance Press Releases. Ellen Rugemer will look into environmental safe prizes. Sharon will put registration for Bocce Ball on The Nature Center web site.

Facilities:

Tom Smith reported that trails were clear. Lots of snow shoe folks and deer going through. Cedars took a beating from the ice. He has been pulling a lot of bittersweet.

There were problems with 3 kids at the Pond. Tom had to chase them off. Doug will look into signs for the pond.

Bill Skinner will look into studding the wall at the Nature Center when the weather breaks. He will also build a case to house the new hands on displays.

New Business: Lindsay Major has a Girl Scout Troop interested in purchasing trees from Tremendous Trees. Tom Smith suggested possible place for trees was around the Pavilion. There is also interest in planting at Ebb Valley or Christmas Tree Park. Donna will be contact person.

Pond Pavilion: Doug stated that there was no news at present.

Motion to Adjourn made at 8:40 PM by Ellen Rugemer, second by Justin Watts.

Submitted:
Marcia Bogash