



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

February 4th, 2020, Mashpee Public Library

AGENDA

2:00 Introductions (5 minutes)

2:05 Vote on January Minutes

2:10 Updates

- Partners Meeting
- Peer-to-Peer Workshop
- Friends Agreement (NCTC training opportunities)
- Volunteer Opportunities: "Great Old Broads", Inmates from Sheriff's Department

2:20 EVENT PLANNING (continued)

- Finalize events for first half of year, emphasis on February break talks at #WeAreMashpee store

2:45 Treasurer's Report

2:50 Planning Next Meeting

- Review Friends Bylaw/Mission
- Credit Card/Square
- NWRA Donation Request
- Any suggestions

3:00 Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

WBNERR Boat House, After Partners meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

2:45-4:09 PM

Board Members Attending: MaryKay Fox, Nancy Church, Katelyn Cadoret, Tom Fudala, Glenn Davis, Carol Finn, Birgit Nelson

Other Members in Attendance: Tom Eagle (USF&WS), Andrew Switzgebel (AmeriCorps)

Introductions

Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2020. Approved 7-0 with amendment to add Birgit Nelson to "Members Attending"

Updates: Katelyn updated the Board on three items:

- She will notify us when NCTC training opportunities become available.

- “Great Old Broads” are looking for walks and field trip opportunities.
- Inmates from the Sheriff’s Department are available for projects.

EVENT PLANNING: Continued discussion from January 7. Currently scheduled events include:

- 2/10: Talk at Southport on the Refuge.
- 2/19, 2/21, 2/22: Three talks at #WeAreMashpee during February Break: (Wednesday: 1pm, Northern Fisher, Andrew S.; Friday: 1pm, Mashpee NWR, Katelyn Cadoret; Saturday: 10am, Mashpee NWR, MaryKay Fox). These are being promoted by Ms. Carroll.

Katelyn indicated that we should have an updated sheet available of coming events.

#WeAreMashpee was supposed to have Refuge History pictures displayed.

We should see if we can sell our T-shirts at the #WeAreMashpee store.

Katelyn listed possible topics. She will send out a list.

Carol Finn indicated that her husband could do programs on owls and owl calls.

Tom Eagle suggested we get the “reptile guy” for a show. He hands them out to public to hold.

Katelyn will talk to Consuela Carroll about live animals.

Katelyn (?) will do a handout to give to people that come to our events listing future events, along with our web address and Facebook page on the bottom.

We should have an events list on our website and add other people’s events in a separate list of “other programs of interest”.

We can solicit Partners and others to do events at the #WeAreMashpee store.

Mention was made of “Rick Roth / Cape Anne Vernal Pool Team”, Rick Roth “The Creature Teacher”.

Cape Wildlife Center and “Amazing Animal Ambassadors” coming to Naukabout event.

Ashley Fisher, Mashpee Shellfish Constable, can do a shellfish presentation.

Should the Naukabout event be on June 27-28? What about parking?

Earth Day April 22 – pollinator garden planting at Jehu Pond, Red Brook Road.

Tom Eagle suggested “Back Country Anglers & Fishermen” New England Chapter could do volunteer projects.

Web Page Discussion:

When is the deadline for paying for the web page? Coming up soon. It’s currently on Word Press, web page created in 2013. Glenn says he can help with it. Built a demo using GoDaddy.

We now use Blue Host as server. If there’s not enough time to switch to GoDaddy, we can pay for one more year and then switch. We just renewed our domain name for 1 year last fall.

Treasurers Reports:

We received a written Treasurer’s Report from MaryKay. It indicated that the Fidelity Endowment Account Increased to \$16,873.56. The CC5 Grant checking account was at \$878.69.

The main CC5 checking account rose to \$4,421.88. The report also included a discussion of optional services for accepting credit card payments. (CC5’s “ProPay” vs. the “Square”) and their relative costs and charges. The Report also indicated that 2019 taxes are in process, but waiting for the February 15 Fidelity statement.

1. Treasurer’s report for January expenditures

2. Fidelity/ Endowment Account in last month, account increased by \$ 88.38 @ \$16,873.46

3. Cape Cod 5 Grant checking \$ 878.69
 - Deposit, interest =\$0.04

4. Cape Cod 5 Main checking \$4,421.88 (Last month \$4,421.69)
 - Last month checking account activity
 - Deposit, interest = \$ 0.19

4. Discussed changing account to a business account for better transparency and Accountability.
 - Discussed the use of accepting credit cards for 2020 events.

Can use CC5's "ProPay" or utilize the "Square".

Costs involve:

<u>ProPay</u>	<u>Square</u>
• Tiered Annual fee (\$29-\$69)	* No annual Fee
• Type of card fees range from 2.6%-3.5% each	* Straight Card fee of 2.9% + 0.10
• Transfer fee of \$0.35	* No Transfer fee
• Must Transfer from PP to Account	* Instant transfer, no "holding"
• Free software and Hardware	* Free software and Hardware
• Illegal to ask purchaser to cover cost of Credit Card fees.	

2019 Taxes in process but have to wait for Feb 15 Fidelity statement

Katelyn and MK went to Cape Cod Five to change officers on our paperwork. The bank suggested that we put our minutes and annual reports on our website. We're may switch to "business money market" account covering both regular checking and our grant checking account. Talking about using the "Square" for taking credit cards.

Adjourned at 4:09 PM.