



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

July 6, 2021 Online Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

5:00 Introductions (5 minutes)

5:05 Approve June Minutes

5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report

5:20 Updates

- Membership Committee
- Pollinator Gardens
- POH Camp
- Osprey Nest Cam
- Naukabout Event
- Mashpee Environmental Coalition

6:00 Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

Board Members Attending: Pres. Katelyn Cadoret, VP Glenn Davis, Clerk Tom Fudala, Joan Barkin, Neil Barkin, Nancy Church

Others in attendance: Tom Eagle (F&WS)

FMNWR Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 Meeting

Approved Tuesday, June 1, 2021 minutes 6-0 (Online Zoom Meeting)

Treasurer's Report:

Katelyn read MaryKay's June Report, which had been sent to Board members earlier:

Fidelity/ Endowment Account for June 2021, account increased by \$ 413.61 to \$22,755.71. So far, annual Rate of Return is 33.47%

Cape Cod 5 Main checking up \$33.72 from \$6,689.14, to \$6722.86

June checking account activity:

Income: Total of \$48.71

Deposit, interest \$ 0.11

Deposit, Donations \$48.60 PayPal

Expenditures: total \$14.99

Zoom \$14.99

Updates:

• Membership Committee (the Barkins):

No new members. Mr. Gough (already a member) donated \$50.

Katelyn will put out our brochures at trailhead kiosks.

Katelyn congratulated Nancy on her retirement from WBNERR.

Joan Muller will be our new WBNERR liaison. Nancy indicated that she may be replaced later by WBNERR's Stewardship Coordinator.

• Pollinator Gardens:

Katelyn indicated that they're looking good. Plan on working next week at Jehu Pond.

Joan Barkin indicated that the daisies are doing well.

• POH ("Preserve Our Homeland") Camp:

No MaryKay update. Tom Eagle that he would be working with them this Thursday (July 8). MaryKay met with Jason Stidham of the Tribe. She got 60 plants planning to do pollinator gardens at the Wampanoag Museum and the Indian Cemetery, but the site at the Museum is too steep (next to road and worried about kids getting in road) so they will be doing all at the Cemetery, in the morning. Any leftover plants will go to the Tribal headquarters. Will also be doing bee boxes.

Tom Eagle indicated that F&WS will bring their Archery Trailer for archery lessons and do a walk at Red Brook and Bufflehead property in the afternoon regarding the controlled burning program, with kids split into two groups alternating.

Kids are aged 7-13.

Glenn volunteered for the afternoon activities.

The Barkins volunteered to help with the morning garden planting.

Tom Eagle indicated that they will be starting at 8 am at the Tribal headquarters for Tribal cultural activities and plan to get to the cemetery at 9.

Nancy interjected that the Tribal language immersion school will be kids up to 2nd grade this year.

Glenn indicated that he would be at the Cemetery at about 8:30.

Tom E will be picking up the plants beforehand from MaryKay's house. Also said that he may bring F&WS fire truck(s) for watering the plants!

We'll be doing just that one day, but the Camp goes to the end of July.

Nancy indicated that they also do programs at WBNERR. Indicated that Casey Thornbrough (old Tribe Natural Resources Director – now working up in Canada) would be coming. Plan to do model shorelines.

Neil Barkin noted that he took a walk down Great Hay Road and was surprised at the quick green-up after the F&WS burn. He noted that the newspapers are filled with stories about the forest fires out west and that he had to cancel 3 trips to visit his daughter in Palo Alto due to smoke.

Finally, Tom E noted that F&WS will be bringing plenty of shovels.

- **Osprey Nest Camera:**

Glenn Davis noted that Comcast says they should have a formal written commitment by the end of July. Then we/they can start getting the necessary permits. Noted that this Amy Brown Road nest is BIG, with 2 parents flying around and, he assumes, chicks in the nest.

Both Glenn and Neil talked about keeping birds off their boats (a perennial problem).

- **Naukabout Event:**

Katelyn explained about the origins of this event proposal related to the release of the Refuge history book and new trail maps. Plan on having native animals brought by Wildcare, crafts, food, a trivia game about the Mashpee refuge.

Neil Barkin noted that they have Beatles music on Wednesdays at Naukabout.

Katelyn indicated that we'll probably look to do a weekend after Labor Day. (She noted to Glenn that we got rained out in 2019 and that it's hard to schedule a rain date due to Animal Ambassadors' busy schedule.)

Katelyn indicated that we will do plenty of advertising and suggested that September might be good.

Glenn said that he and MaryKay manned our booth at Race Amity Day (Tom F forgot). There were about 100 people. Unfortunately, the booths were set up behind the crowd watching activities on the stage, but a few people came by. Overall, it went well.

Katelyn will keep us up to date on the Naukabout event, and suggested that, as it will be after the summer swim season we could maybe get permission to have parking at the Attaquin Park beach parking lot.

Nancy Church noted that WBNERR wants the F&WS trailer off their property, so we will need to find a new home for it, if we keep it at all.

MaryKay joined the meeting at 5:50.

Tom Eagle had to leave at 5:57.

Discussion was had with MaryKay about P.O.H. on Thursday. They will be prepping 3 sites for pollinator gardens tomorrow at the Cemetery.

- **Mashpee Environmental Coalition:**

Tom F noted that, with Birgit Nelson stepping down from both Boards, he's the new default contact from MEC to Friends and vice versa. He gave a brief update on MEC activities and noted that Ginny Scharfenberg will be stepping down as President.

Adjournment:

Neil motioned to adjourn and Glenn seconded. Board voted to adjourn at 6:08.