



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENDA

June 1, 2021 Online Zoom Meeting

- 5:00** Introductions (5 minutes)
- 5:05** Approve May 4, 2021 Minutes
- 5:10** Budget/Treasurer's Report
- 5:20** Updates
 - Online Store
 - Membership Committee
 - Pollinator Gardens
 - POH Camp
 - USF&WS
 - Osprey Platform
 - Race Amity Day
 - Senior Center Presentation
 - Meeting in Person?
- 6:00** Adjourn

FMNWR Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Vice President Glenn Davis

Board Members Attending: VP Glenn Davis, Clerk Tom Fudala, Treasurer MaryKay Fox, Joan Barkin, Neil Barkin, Nancy Church (Pres. Katelyn Cadoret joined late)

Others in attendance: Tom Eagle (F&WS), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth ConsCom), Paula Goodwin (Friends of Assabet River), Kelsey Mackey (F&WS)

FMNWR Meeting Minutes

Approved Tuesday, May 4, 2021 minutes 5-0 (Online Zoom Meeting)

Treasurer's Report:

MaryKay delivered both April and May Reports

April – Fidelity account up \$803.05 to \$22,196.98, CC5 Checking down \$144.30 to \$6593.35: Income \$397.86, Expense \$542.16

May – Fidelity account up \$145.12 to \$22,342.10, CC5 Checking up \$95.79 to \$6,689.14: Income \$168.09, Expense \$72.30

Updates:

- Potential Online Store:

Paula Goodwin indicated that Friends of Assabet River uses "Square" for online purchases. They charge 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. You set it up, then "publish". Purchases currently have to be picked up one day a week (Saturday) at their store in the Visitors Center. No mail deliveries.

Tom Eagle said that there are companies that will pick up and deliver.

Paula says Square will send a "low inventory" warning based on your inventory spreadsheet. She said that they are only selling locally and not out-of-state. They also looked into using Square in-store for reading credit cards.

Tom Eagle indicated that you can get Square for cellphones, computers or stand-alone for cash registers.

Paula said you can include other individuals to take payments. Square deposits direct to your bank account and both sides of the transaction get receipts.

Tom Eagle said that you can do similar things with PayPal.

Paula shared what it is they are selling (13 products). You can also link Square to your website. "Unique visit" means number of different visitors.

Tom Eagle suggested that it might be good for us to start getting stuff to sell at events.

Glenn said he's used Square for sales.

Nancy Church asked if it requires any specific phones?

Tom Eagle answered no. You just need an account and password. He asked if we have a Friends laptop.

MaryKay replied that she has one that the Feds paid for. She added that, in the US it's illegal for us to ask a buyer to pay our fees.

- **Membership Committee** (the Barkins):

The Barkins have been soliciting their friends to join, including friends in Maryland. Rick Sherman donated \$100 inspired by the Osprey nest.

Nancy Church noted that there are over 600 non-profits on the Cape.

Tom Eagle suggested we might want to have an event at Bad Marthas?

- **Pollinator Gardens:**

MaryKay said April 23 and May 27 MaryKay, Katelyn, Glenn and the Barkins worked on the new Red Brook Road garden. The Jehu Pond, Pickerel Cove and Mashpee Community Garden sites are doing OK. Plan on working this Thursday 9-11 am at Pickerel Cove. She suggested that maybe we should work on them weekly?

- **POH ("Preserve Our Homeland") Camp:**

Tom Eagle said he's waiting to hear from the Tribe if they will be doing a pollinator garden. He indicated that they might split into smaller groups. Scheduled for July 6,7 & 8, with alternate July 13, 14 & 15 dates. F&WS will bring their Archery Trailer, do walk at Red Brook and Bufflehead property. Thought about doing on-water labs, but have inadequate staff.

Nancy Church noted that DCR says WBNERR can start in-person activities on July 11.

- **Fish & Wildlife Service:**

Tom Eagle indicated that they burned units on Red Brook Road plus smaller units further south. Had to shut down planned burn at Falmouth Rod & Gun Club due to weather. Tom indicated that he now manages all burns from Maine to Rhode Island, including Silvio Conte Refuge.

He indicated that the Childs River culvert is going in on June 2 (F&WS is paying for installation). The Trout have survived the Childs River culvert construction.

Tom says that he and Kelsey have become part of a salt water fishing group with Mass. Division of marine Fisheries called "Take Me Saltwater Fishing". Would love to partner with WBNERR and fishing boats (1000 kid target).

There's also the national "Fishing's Future" program bringing families together through fishing. Falmouth Rod & Gun Club will host their first program in New England.

Tom also noted that volunteers need to record their hours worked within the Refuge to help with match toward future funds.

(Nancy Church had to leave the meeting at 6:33)

- **Osprey Platform:**

Glenn Davis says our new platform has a massive nest and Ospreys. Not sure if there are eggs yet. Comcast is still working on how to do power for the proposed camera via cable. Hopefully all will be worked out by the Fall.

- **Race Amity Day:**

Glenn Davis said it's Sunday June 13 from 1-3 pm. His wife is on the Committee. Do we want to set up a booth? Agreed to do so. Glenn, MaryKay and Tom should set up at 12:30.

- **Senior Center:**

Katelyn is doing a Power Point presentation over Zoom on the 14th.

- **Meeting in Person:**

WBNERR? Library? Decided to stay on Zoom.

Adjournment:

Glenn motioned to adjourn, Tom Fudala seconded. Board voted to adjourn at 6:47.