



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

August 3, 2021 Online Zoom Meeting (As approved 7-0 at 9-7-2021 meeting.)

AGENDA

5:00 Introductions (5 minutes)

5:05 Approve July Minutes

5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report

5:20 Updates

- **Membership Committee**
- **Pollinator Gardens**
- **Emergency Response Meeting**
- **Newsletter**
- **POH Camp Summary**
- **Osprey Nest Cam**
- **Naukabout Event**

6:00 Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 5:13 pm

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

Others in attendance: Joan Muller (new WBNERR liaison), Mark Kasprzyk

FMNWR Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 6, 2021 Meeting

Approved Tuesday, July 6, 2021 minutes 7-0 (Online Zoom Meeting)

Treasurer's Report:

MaryKay's July Report:

Fidelity/ Endowment Account for July 2021, account increased by \$ 246.07 to \$23,001.77

Cape Cod 5 Main checking down \$624.99 from \$6722.86 to \$6,079.87

June checking account activity:

Income: Total of \$115.92

Deposit, interest \$ 0.11

Deposit, Refunds \$115.81 (Soares Nursery)

Expenditures: total \$740.91

Zoom	\$ 14.99
Attaquin Nursery	\$191.25*
Soares Nursery (POH)	\$115.81
	\$ 37.29*
	\$381.57*

*Will be reimbursed by Ted Kendziora from Partners of Fish & Wildlife

Some neighbors also donated plants and we had some that MK planted from seed or purchased as bare roots last fall and some others that she split from some of her perennials for a total of 271 plants (plus some still small so will be planted later), so Friends contributed close to \$200.

Tribe hired a full-time position to manage and water these pollinator gardens as well as their vegetable gardens (they give veggies to Tribal Elders). MK will keep in touch with that person as she has more plants to add to the gardens.

Of the 271 plants, there were 8 butterfly host plants (that will benefit 11 butterfly species). Total of 47 species planted. 12 were Spring-blooming, 38 were Summer bloomers and 22 were Fall bloomers.

Planted 3 gardens at the Indian Cemetery, one near the Meetinghouse and 2 on both sides of the main entrance (middle entrance off Meetinghouse Road). Had 20 kids and good turnout from Friends.

Glenn asked MK if she'd do a write-up on the project for the website, which she agreed to do. She'll send it to Glenn and to Tom F.

Updates:

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

Katelyn noted that she added the brochures back to the trailhead brochure holders (will try to get new wood holders, as the plastic ones are breaking).

Neil and Joan have boxes full of brochures from MK for new or prospective members. (Katelyn and MK also have brochures and Joan M says there's a lot at WBNERR which it would be nice if they could be stored somewhere else.) The Barkins are talking to people / family about joining, though no new members but some might be in the offing.

Joan mentioned that she met Earl Mills Jr. at the garden planting and mentioned she likes to give people a DVD and book from a geneticist from Stanford on "where we all came from" ("we're all from the same stem, we're not different folk"). She took it to the Post Office to mail it to him and found out that "Chiefy" works there (but he wasn't there). It's called "The Journey of Man", which you can get from Amazon. Tom F noted that that sort of conflicts with the Native Americans' version of their origin story.

- **Pollinator Gardens:**

Katelyn indicated that she wants to do a volunteer day Friday at Jehu Pond.

- **Emergency Response Meeting:**

Katelyn and Mark K were there. Meeting was in Falmouth. Discussed an App called "What 3 Words" that can be used by emergency services dispatchers that provides location in the country by 10' by 10' squares designated by 3-word codes. A person who calls 911 can be sent the 3-word code that can then be communicated back to the dispatcher, who can then look up the location. (Useful for when out in the woods with no street address information.) She sent the info to the Mashpee Police and Fire and it's currently being reviewed (already being used in Falmouth). MK asked if it would require the Refuge to do color-coding on signage? Kate said no.

- **Newsletter:**

Have Osprey platform and Osprey Creature Feature articles done and would like to add ones about the POH Camp and the new Red Brook Road garden. Will probably be called the Fall newsletter. MK and Tom Eagle will work on the POH article.

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

DCR and Friends and F&WS helped. Did pollinator gardens. Later USF&W did pollinator crafts (made mason jars with bamboo as habitat for mason bees and leaf-cutter bees), did a brief Monarch presentation and a migration game, brought their mobile archery trailer and DCR explained about prescribed fires down at Great Hay Road. Tom F asked if F&WS brought their fire truck to water the pollinator garden as Tom Eagle suggested they might. MK said it wasn't necessary, as there is a water source at the cemetery (hooked up to the bathrooms).

- **Osprey Nest Camera:**

Glenn noted that project took a 90 degree turn this morning. Comcast had been hoping to get power through their cable, but it isn't reliable, so they think they'll go solar with a battery. Hoped to partner with company called Sun Run, also considering HD on Tap. Trying to price out what type of solar and batteries they need. Will need box on pole at an accessible height. Talked to Jim Rassman and Brad Sweet about whether that would be acceptable to neighbors. Still hoping to get installation done in the Fall.

Noted that this Amy Brown Road nest is BIG, parents moved right in and believes there are 2 chicks in the nest. MK noted that beginning of August is when chicks fledge, will hear lots of screaming, parents depart.

MK received a concern from son in law of neighbor at nest site that complained it's too close to dock he's working on. Only thing out there is a dilapidated dock that seems abandoned. Brad Sweet was going to talk to neighbors. MK thinks we should give some

presentation to neighbors when we get it all figured out. We definitely have the landowner's permission.

• **Naukabout Event:**

Katelyn indicated that we may be able to schedule something in October. The Naukabout manager Peter Meuner said an event between Labor Day and Columbus Day would work well. Katelyn wanted to know how the Board felt about doing an event with Covid spiking. Asked Joan M if WBNERR is having events. Explained about the origins of this event proposal originally related to the release of the Refuge history book and new trail maps. Plan on having a few native animals brought by Amazing Animal Ambassadors (can only commit to about an hour or 2), crafts, food, a trivia game about the Mashpee Refuge. Animals can come Saturday October 16. Several board members voiced their concerns with any fall events with crowds-Naukabout and Oktoberfest. MK is cautious about doing anything this fall. MK noted that originally it was hoped to raise money, but now that is less of an issue. Glenn was also concerned. Neil noted that Barnstable County is currently listed as high Covid. Neil concerned about brain fog from "breakthrough" cases in vaccinated people. Katelyn decided that it doesn't look likely, but we can bring it up at our September meeting.

MK asked if we could get more animals if we paid. Katelyn aid yes, so MK supported the idea of paying so we can make a bigger splash if we do the event.

Katelyn mentioned that estuarine water quality report from Dr. Howes to Selectmen was that everywhere is the worst ever, and that there is a Zoom forum at 7 tonight about fresh pond water quality by Mashpee Clean Waters.

MK noted that she had 150 baby Monarch caterpillars.

Adjournment:

Glenn motioned to adjourn and MK seconded. Board voted to adjourn at 6:22.