



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

October 4 , 2022 Online Zoom Meeting

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve August and September Minutes
- 5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report
- 5:10 Membership Committee Report
- 5:15 Updates
 - Osprey Nest Cam
 - Oktoberfest (cancelled due to rain)
 - Visitor Center meeting October 19th (review agenda)
 - AmeriCorps (Leo Lainez, Tuesdays)
- 5:45 Upcoming Events
 - Walk For The Wild (WFTW) October 10, 2022 (10-12, need 2+ volunteers)
 - Publicize (social media, walking/hiking groups, others??)
 - Sign up!
- 6:00 Other Business (as time allows)
- 6:05 Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

Board Members Attending: Pres. Glenn Davis, Clerk, Nancy Church, Treasurer, MaryKay Fox, Historian F. Tom Fudala, Membership - Neil Barkin and Joan Barkin **Note-** MK was 15 minutes late due to technical difficulties- Treasurers report re-ordered in the agenda.

Others in attendance: Tom Eagle (USF&W), Joy Absher (USF&W)Joan Muller (WBNERR), Mark Kasprzyk (Falmouth Conservation), Tania Lewandowski (NMF)

5:05 MTG began

- **FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals**

Minutes for August and September were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report For September 2022 Financials

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account **decreased** this month by \$2,364.63 ending @ \$ 18,853.01 -17.75% ROR
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$8842.87, ending balance of \$ 9,063.48

○ checking account activity

○ Income: total \$501.37

1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08

2. Donations

Mailed Donations	= \$150.00
Walk Donation (CC5)	= \$200.00
Great Nonprofits	= \$ 95.12
AmazonSmile	= \$ 56.25

Expenditures: total \$428.85

1. Zoom = \$ 14.99
 2. Amazon = \$ 16.99
 3. Staples = \$ 45.11
 4. Build a sign = \$ 187.80
 5. Postage (1 year) = \$ 115.98
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• Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

We received a donation of \$50 from a previous resident/neighbor of Jehu Pond

Updates:

Osprey Cam- The osprey are off the nest and there is currently not a lot to see. On Friday, Oct.14th, Comcast will install the underground cable and move the camera one foot higher to avoid spatter. They will also install a microphone. The DCR archeologist will be present.

Octoberfest – The event was cancelled due to bad weather, including the rain date.

Refuge Visitor Center – Meeting set for October 19th @10 AM at Martin Road house. Joan Muller requested a change in time as she has a school group that morning. Tonna Marie is unavailable that day but Ryan Clark, the new Stewardship Coordinator at WBNERR will be there.

Tom F. said we can park next to South Cape Resort to visit the Route 28 site. When first planned the Friends requested to build on 5 acres at this Mashpee Conservation site which was voted on and approved in 1999. There is a total of 57 acres there. Con Comm would retain ownership and we could sign a long-term lease.

Glenn pointed out the Martin Road House connection to the Quashnet River trails as a big positive for that site. He has a sketch of this.

Agenda for VC Meeting – These people should prepare a few minutes talk for the day.

Glenn- Intro to Friends and the proposed VC

Tom F.- Historical perspective Mary Kay- Friends Perspective

Tom E.- Federal Perspective Joan M. WBNERR perspective

Rep. Dave Vieira will speak to sources of funding and labor for the project and getting the project through the state requirements.

Tom E. Things have changed over time. Needs include housing for visiting staff, fire crews, AmeriCorps, parking for the trailer.

Joan M. – We should include Steve Hurley from Mass Wildlife. Tonna Marie first wants to brief the regional person as the DCR Commissioner will there.

AmeriCorps- The new member Leo Lainez is living at the upper Cape house in Pocasset and working with us and WBNERR on Tuesdays. He will be working with WBNERR the first couple of weeks then with Nancy Oct 25th and Nov 1st.

Events- Walk for the Wild, October 10, from 10 to noon. Can walk solo anytime that week.

Glenn, Joan B., Neil B. & MK will put up signs and route markers.

Tom E. asked if anyone had keys for the gates at Jehu Pond. Will talk to Drew about this.

Glenn-people are still dumping there. Found a grinding wheel at Red Brook that was later removed.

Remember to sign-up and register. Need more people to do this. So far we have \$290 in donations. The T-shirts are limited to the first 15 people. Tania will send it out to her fisheries observer list.

Tom E. It is bow hunting season but event is in middle of the day when hunters not really out there. As we host more events it is time to look at getting USF&W attire for the Friends. (shirts/hats) Joy and Tom will work on this.

Publicity- Glenn printed 100 index card reminders. Poster is up at Roche brothers. Look for other places to post. Joan M giving cards out at WB Visitor Center.

The trail looks better than ever with work done by Drew and Glenn. The route may not be the "Costa Loop" as first thought.

Were hoping for an update from Drew M. About water source at Red Brook trailhead but he was unable to attend.

Day of the event staffing

Joan and Neil at Great Oak entrance, Tom F. and Nancy at Red Brook

Glenn and MK will assist people throughout the trail.

6:25PM There was a unanimous vote to end the meeting.