



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

DATE: Online Zoom Meeting on January 31, 2023

This was the February 2023 Meeting and Annual 2022 Meeting
Online Zoom Meeting 5:00pm

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Nominate and Elect 2023 Officers
- 5:15 Approve January 3rd Minutes
- 5:20 Budget/Treasurer's Report
- 5:35 Membership Committee Report
 - Annual membership appeal mailing
- 5:40 Updates
 - Osprey Nest Cam
 - Visitor Center / Martin Road House (next steps)
 - Newsletter
 - MFTW
- 6:00 Other Business
 - Mashpee Cub Scout Pack 36 Activity Ideas
- 6:10 Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:06. This was the 2022 Annual Meeting and February 2023 Meeting.

Board Members Attending:

President: Glenn Davis, Historian: F. Tom Fudala, Membership: Joan Barkin and Neil Barkin, Treasurer: MaryKay Fox, Clerk: Nancy Church, Clerk: Lucinda Keith

Others in attendance:

Joan Mueller (WBNERR), Joy Absher (USFWS), Leo Lainez (AmeriCorps), Tom Eagle (USFWS),

Nominate and Elect 2023 Officers

Nomination to re-elect Glenn as President, MaryKay as Treasurer. Nomination of Lucinda for Clerk. Vote was held. Unanimous vote for Glenn as President, MaryKay as Treasurer

and Lucinda as Clerk. Renomination of Directors. Vote was held. Unanimous vote for reelection of all Directors.

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for January 3, 2023 were reviewed and were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report for January 2023 Financials (MaryKay)

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account **increased** this month by \$1,210 ending @ \$ 21,023.92
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$ 9,157.88, ending balance of \$ 9,642.97
 - checking account activity
 - **Income: total \$597.60**
 1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08
 2. Donations
 - SSCEFF = \$ 500.00
 - Paypal = \$ 97.52
 - **Expenditures: total \$14.99**
 1. Zoom = \$ 14.99

Board Review of 2023 Estimate Budget Worksheet/Spreadsheet (MaryKay)

It included expenses and income for years 2017-2022 and a draft proposed estimate column for the 2023 budget with expenses and income. The estimated expenses and income for 2023 has a blue background on the spreadsheet.

Discussion about the 2023 estimate budget included:

- The numbers in the proposed estimated budget for 2023 can change with income from donations and/or expenses for garden supplies.
- The membership list should be reviewed, it will be shared with Neil and Joan to update.
- Decision was made to use this spreadsheet/worksheet as the tool to document expenses and income.
- Possible investment of a portion of checking account funds into Money Market Savings/CDs
- We will look into different banks for interest rates and rules to invest.
- Further discussion at the next meeting.
- The Draft 2023 Estimate Budget worksheet was approved, noting it is a draft subject to change.

Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

Major donation (\$500) from the SSCEF, the non-profit arm of the FR&GC. Letter will be sent to members in February. Accomplishments will be included in the letter.

Updates:

- Osprey Nest Cam: is up and running with sound

- Visitor Center / Martin Road House (next steps): There are 3 sets of notes from the meeting. Glenn will send a summary to all the attendees and those that were not able to attend. MaryKay shared a draft proposal for the greenhouse. Discussion included: uses for the greenhouse, 2 week construction, stability of greenhouse, sketch of location on property, liability and MOU. Tom Eagle volunteered to use Google Earth for drawing of the location of the greenhouse on Martin Road property and said Refuge staff could assist with building and funding for the greenhouse. The Draft Proposal for Greenhouse will be updated and shared at a later date.
- Achievements: Glenn shared Achievements from 2022 document. List included: Osprey Cam, POH Camp with a new total of 500 Plants at Headquarters, Walk for the Wild, Pollinator Gardens (7), Revisited Mashpee Visitor Center, Girl Scouts, David Ross Palmer Award, Estuary Day, Newsletters. We added to the list: Featured in Refuge Highlights, Mentorship of AmeriCorp. Glenn will share the updated Accomplishments. The Accomplishments will be on the website and Facebook.
- Newsletter: Leo has completed his bio, Creature Feature and Eelgrass article. Nancy will send when completed. The Accomplishments will also be included. Leo shared the Osprey Cam project he is doing with 2 English Learning classes. They will learn about migration from Brazil, and life stages and behavior.
- WFTW: (Walk For the Wild) Glenn mentioned that he sent the application for 2023 and planning will begin in Spring and Summer.

Other business:

- Mashpee Cub Scout Pack 36 Activity Ideas: They contacted Friends for suggestions of stewardship project(s) for their 8 and 9 year olds. Possible project helping with plantings. We wanted to know possible timeline, dates
- National Friends Workshop at NCTC: Tom E and Joy reminded tomorrow is the last day for nominations. Encouraged people to attend. Dates April 28 - May 1, 2023
- Next meeting is March 7th, 2023 since today's meeting was the February meeting.

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:49