



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

MINUTES

January 3, 2023 Online Zoom Meeting

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve December, 2022 Minutes
- 5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report
- 5:15 Membership Committee Report
- 5:20 Updates
- 5:45 Other business – Trail Signs
- 6:00 Adjourn

Draft Meeting Notes

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, Lucinda Keith

Others in attendance: Dan Kent, Assistant Conservation Agent, Town of Mashpee

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for December were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report For December 2022 Financials (MK)

1. Fidelity/ Endowment Account **decreased** this month by \$873 ending @ **\$19,813.67**
2. Cape Cod 5 Main checking: Starting balance \$ **8,865.35**, ending balance of **\$9,157.88** ∅ checking account activity
Income: total \$1.316.46
 1. Deposit, interest = \$ 0.08
 2. Land Trust = \$ 743.96 (Reported last month)
 3. Donations Mail = \$125.00
PayPal = \$447.4**Expenditures: total \$1.023.93**
 1. Zoom = \$ 14.99
 2. Tennessee wholesale plants = \$ 122.12
 3. Partners meeting = \$ 70.38
 4. MK Fox = \$ 109.98 (reimbursement for TN nursery Exp)
 5. NH Forest nursery = \$ 153.75 (plants for 2023)
 6. American Meadows = \$ 191.02 (seeds for 2023)
 7. Chief River Nursery = \$ 361.69 (plants for 2023)

With the plants, shrubs and trees that have been purchased there should be flowers and /or fruits available to wildlife throughout the seasons. These will be used to enhance pollinator areas at the Rod and Gun Club fields, POH gardens at Tribal Headquarters and at the trail head kiosks within the Refuge.

MK suggested we look into moving some of the Friends checking account money into CD's now that rates are increasing. We will look into the options and discuss at the next meeting. Others said it pays to shop around for rates.

Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

There were five donations for a total of \$575, two of these were from new donors. They are getting ready to send out reminder letters to members and past donors. Last year they sent about 85 letters. Many memberships and donations in 2022 came from response to these reminder letters and to the osprey nest cam.

Updates:

Osprey Cam-(Glenn) Last month the camera died but Comcast has installed a new one, along with the microphone which had been working. The camera hasn't yet been launched on the Friends' website, pending fine-tuning of audio. Looking forward to the season and public input.

AmeriCorps- Nancy met with Joan and Leo in December. He is scheduled to work with the Lawrence School Tuesdays in January. He will be able to work on Friends projects at the end of the school days, either on his laptop at home or at Waquoit Bay. There may also be time in between classes. He has done his bio and a Creature Feature on New England cottontail. Nancy will work with him on other newsletter articles, but this may not be the best use of his time, so we need to re-think how to approach the newsletter. There may be tasks associated with the osprey cam that he could take on. Part of the proposal was for him to work on a citizen science project with WB. Glenn will think about possible areas where he could assist with web site, answering questions etc.

Trail Head Signs – Dan Kent – Dan is working on new signs to go at the trailhead kiosks in Mashpee. These are about 2' X 3.5' and will include history of the area, trail maps and key features of that site. There will also be hunting information and room to post bulletins. He has brochure holders and is able to order more if needed. Can add QR codes as well, this is what more young people are using. He is considering whether or not to use Plexiglas on them.

After the meeting Dan will send around drafts of the signs he has made for input.

The Friends will need to decide what brochures we want to put out at these locations. They were all removed during covid.

Annual Meeting -Glenn- As Glenn will not be available for the February meeting, he suggested having it on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. It was decided that it would also serve as the groups 2022 Annual Meeting and we will vote for officers. It was decided to have it over zoom. We will plan for an in-person annual meeting in fall of 2023, maybe with a guest speaker and to include selecting someone for the Palmer Award.

Phone- Glenn let us know that if we decide at some point to have a Friends phone number, that can be done through Zoom or other companies now for only \$10.00/month. You get a phone number and ability to receive voice messages. You cannot make outgoing calls.

6:15 PM – Unanimous vote to adjourn.