



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

APPROVED MINUTES For Online Zoom Meeting May 2nd, 2023, 5:00 pm

AGENDA:

- 5:00 Introductions
- 5:05 Approve [April 4 Minutes](#)
- 5:10 Budget/Treasurer's Report
 - [2023 Budget](#)
- 5:15 Membership Committee Report (??)
- 5:20 Updates
 - Earth Day Activities
 - Greenhouse (??)
 - Walk for the Wild (WFTW) 2023
 - [Timeline](#)
 - Info Webinar May 17 4:00pm
 - [Osprey Nest Cam](#)
 - Water at Red Brook Rd & Great Oak Rd
 - Trail Kiosk brochure boxes?
 - Distribution of Pollinator Garden brochures
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- 6:00 Other Business
 - Native & Invasive Gardening Presentation & Volunteer Opportunity at WBNERR - May 5th 9-12:30.
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- 6:15 Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:08

Board Members Attending:

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

Others in attendance:

Dan Kent (Mashpee Conservation), Ryan Clark (WBNERR), Joan Mueller (WBNERR), Joy Absher (USF&W), Leo Lainez (AmeriCorps), Tom Eagle (USF&W),

FMNWR Meeting Minutes Approvals

Minutes for April 4, 2023 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report for April 2023 Financials

Reports for April and May will be provided at the June 2023 meeting.

Membership Committee (Joan and Neil Barkin)

New memberships and renewal memberships were reviewed.

2 renewals, 1 new membership and one recurring monthly donation. Thank you notes were sent.

Discussed sending History books to ALL new Members of FMNWR, it tells important information about the unique formation between the partners.

There are 70-80 books remaining. In the past 1,000 copies were printed with Sunderland Printing in Hyannis. MaryKay will look into the cost and report back to the board of printing 500 copies and 1,000 copies and cost if updating with Osprey Cam information.

Updates:

- Earth Day Activities:
 - FMNWR participated with Dan Kent's project at Pickerel Cove planting PawPaw and White Oak saplings. They also planted native plants in the pollinator garden at Pickeral Cove.
 - Potted plants at MaryKay's home for future planting at different pollinator gardens throughout Mashpee Refuge
 - Potted plants with members of the Falmouth Rod and Gun Club for upcoming planting in their pollinator fields.
- Greenhouse (??)
 - We will table talks about the greenhouse at this time
 - Tom Eagle will talk with partners about the possible location of a greenhouse and with Tribe about having their own greenhouse to grow medicinal plants.
- Walk for the Wild (WFTW) 2023
 - [Timeline](#): Glenn shared a timeline to prepare for the WFTW. He will send it to Board Members to review
 - Info Webinar May 17 4:00pm
 - July will be training
 - September the website goes Live
 - Planning should start in August for WFTW
- [Osprey Nest Cam](#)
 - There are 4 eggs in the nest
 - Leo is working with students at Lawrence School about the adaptation and behavior of osprey
 - Glenn will follow up with Comcast about talking with Leo
 - Wonderful that Falmouth Osprey Project helped when the platform fell off last month
- Water at Red Brook Rd & Great Oak Rd

- Dan K reviewed that water barrels will be placed at these sites. He will fill them so watering of Pollinator Gardens is available
- Trail Kiosk brochure boxes?
 - Tom E. has brochure boxes to give to Glenn,
 - Dan K. will put them up at trail heads
 - Brochures at trail heads: Friends, Pollinator, Rabbitat
 - Need volunteer to place at Great Oak, Red Brook, Pickerel Cove, Martin Rd (Quashnet), Jehu, Falmouth Rod and Gun Club
 - Neil and Joan B. will place at Great Oak
 - Talk to A.D. about placement at Falmouth Rod and Gun Club
- Rabbitat: New topic added
 - Glenn: Griffin Jones is doing his Eagle Scout Project about NE Cottontail Rabbits. Tom E will be working with him. There will be a meeting at the Red Brook trail head at 2:15 -2:30 May 2, 2023. The plan is for a demo to be installed near the trailhead and one or more tucked away in the woods.
 - MaryKay suggested Griffin work with other scouts and possibly give a talk at the library or Rod and Gun Club to share experience.
- Distribution of Pollinator Garden brochures (discussed during Other Business)

Other Business

- Native & Invasive Gardening Presentation & Volunteer Opportunity at WBNERR - May 5th 9-12:30
 - Ryan shared that person from Natural Heritage will give talk and then go out in field
 - WBNERR staff will attend
- Leo can help with planting, potting, and weeding of pollinator gardens on Tuesdays.
- Falmouth Rod and Gun Club will have an event with Boy and Girl Scouts on May 13th, Field , starting at 9am. They will plant in the newly rototilled area with native bushes, milkweed, and bluestem.
- MK and Lucinda are going to look at Sylvan Nursery to see if it is a good source for larger plants.
- Glenn will be away for June Meeting
- We will meet May 30th after the Partners Meeting at the Boathouse. The Partners Meeting will be at 9:00am. This will be our June Meeting.
- Wildlife in Orleans will have Butterfly and Baby Shower on June 17th, 11am - 2pm. MaryKay will discuss pollinators, will have a banner at the booth. Lucinda has provided craft ideas.

- Joan shared that there is a Statewide pollinator Event for DCR June 5th at WBNERR
 - 150 plants to give away
 - Pollinator brochure will be given out.
- Distribution of Pollinator Garden brochures (discussed during Other Topics)
 - Gain permission from 6 nurseries to leave 25 - 50 Pollinator Garden brochures at the point of sales
 - Lucinda volunteered
- Location of brochures:
 - Some are in the trailer at WBNERR
 - 6 or 7 cases at Martin Rd. Friends have no key, so discussed could they be placed in the trailer. Limited space in trailer and trailer may be removed
- Partnership Agreement:
 - Joy A said partnership is valid, no policy change
 - There is a new template format with more specifics.
 - Joy will send to Glenn to have reviewed by Board
 - By-laws will be reviewed by Joy
 - Sent to Joy, then to Regional Office
- Leo AmeriCorp/May 12th
 - They will clear vegetation at Quashnet Parking Lot and trail.
- Trout Unlimited:
 - At WBNERR May 20th: Hike with Fran Smith about river restoration there. ((9:30-noon)

Unanimous vote to adjourn at 6:25