

Fair Hill Nature Center Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 1998

Attendees: R. Willmann, J. Campbell, J. Hendricks, R. Hamlin, J. Newman, H. Hannum, L. Klevans, H. Schulz, J. Newman, K. Aspinwall, W. Lucas, R. Carroll, T. Barto,

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Jim Campbell.

Order of Business

1. Adopt -a-Highway Program. The FHNEC has adopted a stretch of Route 273 from the bridge over the Little Elk Creek to Middle Road. Mr. S. Huff, of the State Highway Dept., showed a video tape which described how the program is carried out, and the requisite safety procedures for safe road cleaning. Normally roads are cleaned four times per year: April, June, August and October. He stressed the importance of having some one in charge of the effort to see that the proper equipment and procedures are being used. Gerry Hendricks, is our contact and will lead a clean-up effort on Saturday May 16, 1998.

2. Nature School report. Holly reported that a total of 1165 third graders (the entire class) had been through the program, and that second and fourth graders will have completed the program by June 5. This week, 357 out-of-County/out of program students, will be at the center. Summer school enrollment is now 134 out of a possible 224 maximum. Only the Junior ranger program is not generating a lot of interest. On April 29, the center was used exclusively for Environtron training, including first-aid training. On the portable radio issue, the funding that was to be provided, in part, by the Cecilton Lions Club, has been deferred since the County will provide radios used by EMT (which are replaced annually by the county govt.) They should be available by the end of the month.

A small, used scooter-truck was rehabilitated and donated to the Nature Center by Bayshore Trucks. It has been used extensively to carry mulch to stabilize the muddy trails. The truck will be stored in the barn. We now need a available source of gasoline. Ed Walls will be contacted to see if we can use their gasoline pumps.

3. March for Parks. Karen submitted the following interim report.

Sponsors	2900
Pledges	2088
Gift Store	40
misc.	<u>165</u>
	5215
Expenses	<u>1107</u>
Profit	4012
50% TO FHNRA	2006
50% TO FHNEC	2006

Karen indicated that she had spent about 40 hour of work directly associated with the March for Parks effort, and that she includes the cost for her time in the above costs. Bob Willmann made a motion, second by Bob Carroll, that the March for Parks account be debited for the cost of the time Karen spent directly on the March for Parks. The motion passed unanimously. Also, there will be an additional Bikers race on June 28. They will send us some additional funds, but have requested help in registration. There was some discussion about placing a paid advertisement in the Whig to thank the sponsors. Karen will check out the costs.

4. Card Exchange. Between 90 and 110 people attended the card exchange-trip to the Beloved house on June 12, 1998. The two painting will be presented at a later date. The potential profit to the FHNEC is about \$500.

5. Financial Report. Karen reported that the accountant had not delivered the report, and that she would sent it out with the minutes. She also stated that the Board of Education is 6-8 weeks late in paying for their share of the programs. More contacts are are in progress. The grant application to the Delaware Community Foundation was denied. The responses for other grants is not expected for several months.

Also, there has been some interest expressed by high schools to bring students to the Nature Center. Details are being worked out. She mentioned the Yates Scholarship; a scholar ship to a graduate of Bohemia Manor H.S. to study environmental science. Mr. Yates has been looking for help in getting more students to qualify. The Environtron project was suggested to him.

6. Slide Show. A new show is not ready yet. A new show is needed for presentation to civic groups this coming fall.

7. Open house. Although it rained most weekend, the turnout was considered relative good. The continuation of the program., and future schedule will be discussed at the annual meeting(see below).

8. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday June 14, at 1:00PM. There will not be a regular Board meeting on June 10. Jerry Newman moved that the Board membership be increased from 14 to 18. This was seconded by Bill Lucas and passed unanimously. The term of four following Board members will expire this year and they have agreed to run for an additional three year term: Jim Campbell, Larry Klevans, Gerry Hendricks, and Jerry Newman. Additional Board members are being sought, and their names should be submitted to Jerry Hendricks. Jim Campbell will survey Board members who have not participated much this past year to determine if they wish to continue their membership on the Board. Jim Campbell suggested that we get Ms. Patsy DuPont to serve on the Board on an Ex-officio capacity.

9. The six-year old copier has stopped working, and is not considered to be economically repairable. Karen was given authority to survey the capabilities and cost of a new copier.

10. Jim Campbell read a letter from Dennis Clower, which suggested that we move the March for Parks to the fall where there would be better weather and less competition. This was not well received and will be discussed at the annual meeting

The Next Board meeting is the Annual Meeting at 1:00PM, Sunday June 14, 1998.

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Campbell at 9:07PM