

Fair Hill Nature Center Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 13, 1997

Attendees: J.Campbell, J.Hendricks, K.Phillips, R.Carroll, D.Clower, R.Willmann, L.Klevans, T.Bartow, J.Newman, H.Schulz, K.Aspinwall, W.Ide

Guests: E. Walls, Members from the Elk Creeks Preservation Society

Meeting called to order by J.Campbell at 7:10 PM.

Order of Business:

1. Members of the Elk Creeks Preservation Society came to the meeting to explain the project that they are working on and to see if any synergism exists between their efforts and the Nature Center. They are restoring a one room schoolhouse located on Fair Hill. They are planning to have it finished by the end of this year. It is their intention to then use the schoolhouse for teaching students and adults about the period, circa 1860, that the schoolhouse was built. They are unfamiliar with the operating of this type of facility and thought that we may be of some help to them. Also the possibility of sharing curriculums and facilities could be explored. There seemed to be a general consensus that we should follow this up to better understand the possibilities.
2. Ed Walls reviewed the activities associated with the filming of the movie "Beloved". He explained about two houses that have been built near the Center. Contractually the movie company must remove them after the filming is completed. He asked our thoughts on the possibility of leaving them intact. He would like to have our opinion in the near future. Dennis and Keith were assigned the task of drafting a letter from the Board.
3. Karen gave a review of the summer camp activities. They were a huge success this year. We received over \$10,000.00 for these efforts. All camps were filled to capacity and over. All five scholarships were given out to needy students.
4. Karen gave an update on the upcoming school season. As of July 18th, only a few schools have submitted the paperwork to the Chesapeake Trust for grants. Karen has talked to Cecil County School Administrators and told them of the problems. September 3rd is the cut off to the Trust. She will follow up next week to remind them of this.
5. Financial Report was given by Karen. The Financial Committee held their first meeting on July 16th at the County Bank on North St. Ted Bartow provided a meeting room for the Committee with coffee. The committee has

recommended that we raise approximately \$12,000.00 for the rest of this year. It was also recommended that an Annual Fund Raising Campaign be established. The goal for this campaign is \$50,000.00. It was agreed that part of next months meeting be set aside to start the Annual Campaign Fund Raiser. Karen asked if Linda Walls could be hired to help us draft letters and plans. All agreed to this request. Karen took the action to get Linda to attend the next meeting. **The Finance Committee will meet next on August 27th at 9:00Am at the County Bank on North St. Any Board member interested is welcome to attend.**

6. Karen said the teacher in service day sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Trust went very well. Twenty- two teachers attended. We expect a check for \$1,000.00 for this effort.
7. Karen and Holly have compiled a list of ten trail projects that are needed for the Center. They would like the go ahead from the Board to approach Ed Walls on spending some of the money raised from the March for Parks on these. They also compiled a list of six items that could be purchased using the Foreaker Memorial money. A motion was made , seconded and passed to allow these items to be acted on.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center.

Jim adjourned the meting at 9:20 Pm.

Trail Projects

1. new pump and water fountain
2. new kiosk for outside Nature Center
3. steps and handrail for new trail opposite Nature Center
4. new fence along Cliff Road trail.
5. fix gully at beginning of Cliff Road trail so that a vehicle can drive up road
6. new boot box at beginning to Stove Pipe Hollow trail
7. fill in muddy spot on handicapped trail
8. bridge at pool area
9. bridge over to island
10. vehicle to haul mulch and tools to upper trail region

Foreaker Projects

1. Library materials: videos, reference and children's books,
interactive activities @ \$250
2. Microscopes (3) @ \$170/per
3. Plankton net @ \$100
4. Display for shows and booths @ \$400
5. Dissecting scope @ ?
6. Laminator @ ?