

Camp Nootseemng Properties Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2005

In Attendance

Stan Brown, Chair
Frank Sforza
Jim Murphy
Butch Kidney
Daryl Bucknor
Michael Kelsey
Randy Wacker
Kurt Schollmeyer
Bill Griffiths, Sr.
Bill Griffiths, Jr.

PROGRESS REPORTS - submitted by email since last meeting

ELECTRICAL † Frank: The outlet requested for the safe is done. The service in the AB building has been temporarily out by Mike Englishby. The discount, panel and relay for the siren are done. All the lights and outlets are done. The new panel for the pole barn is installed.

RED TRAIL † Randy: Mike, Frank, Brenden, and myself met at the camp and worked on the RED trail bridges. The unfinished bridge was completed and we completed all , but 4 feet of the next bridge (ran out of decking). I needed to leave at 1pm, the rest of the guys were going to stay and cut up some of the PT lumber I got from Lowes into 36in decking pieces and stage them as close as possible to the trail, in hopes that the OA could carry them in during their ordeal weekend later this month.

RED TRAIL - Mike: I had a few hours to spare and finished blazing the Red Trail from Blodgett to the Fourth Bridge. It took me over three hours and almost an entire can of paint but the trail should now be blazed from its terminus at Blodgett to the second bridge (past the Hudson Lean-tos). This means we only need to do the waterfall section from the first bridge to the second bridge and then the whole trail will be completely re-blazed. Nobody should get lost now. I also made notes of the tricky sections where we will want to erect signs along the trail and which direction the arrow should go. For the signs we're going use Frank's suggestion and use the scrap Lowes lumber leftover after cutting and I hope to start working on painting/stenciling the first sets of these signs soon.

MINI CABINS: Randy: Custom Forest Products CO-owner Mike and Jeffery sat down and ran the numbers off the drawing for the mini cabins. They would like to add the detail of 1 foot over hang on the front and back, this was suggested by both Kurt and Butch at different times. They also want to make the door swing out, as it will seal better. We agreed last meeting that it would be a good idea to change the door swing and it has already been verbally approved by the building inspector.

With the new roof details the quote comes out at \$2,950.00 per cabin. If we do all 6 at one time they will build them for \$2,500.00 each. One other detail they suggested was to go to 12in. dia. tubes for the concrete. I will look into what that might do to the budget. Not much if I can get the concrete donated, but there's a lot needed for this project. 56 - 8 or 12 in dia. tubes 5 feet deep (4 in the ground 1 out). There is also the fact that mixing 336 - 80lb bags is a lot of work. I am considering and will price out what it would cost to have a ready mix truck deliver the concrete. I have done the math and going to 12 in. tubes would more than double the concrete needed, without donation of materials, we're sticking with 8in. tubes.

I have asked Rich Iuele to draw up plans for a 16 x 32 pavilion and I will have Custom Forest Products quote on that too.

TUSCORORA SITE WORK: Randy: This Saturday I lead a workday with Crew 95, Mike and I are advisors to the Crew. The kids and adults did a great job cleaning up the Tuscorora site. Though it is not completely ready for the proposed mini cabins, we made a major dent in the removal of dead and damaged trees. I brought up my log splitter and all the wood in that area was split and stacked, ready for camper use. There is about 2 cords of wood stacked between the JLT field and Tuscorora.

QUARTERMASTER † Bill, Sr.: A dumpster is the cost effective way to complete the clean-up effort for a work weekend. If we don't have a dumpster, everything will need to be handled twice. That's labor Daryl won't be doing on something else while handling the refuge after the weekend.

Dumpster prices for Camp Nootemeing

April 11 2005

April 11 2005. **Tayco** Container, Fran (845) 226-9006

10 cubic yard price is \$270 + tax

12 " \$300 "

20 " \$420"

30 " \$500 "

Serves Pleasant Valley - Salt Point area

Dumpster Rentals

A/o March 26 2005

TrachBeeGone, LLC 866-434-3867

7 day rental, 1 day lead time;

10-12 cubic yard dumpster \$385

14-16 CY

20 CY \$460

30 CY \$535

April 11 2005 Royal Carting

Dumpster prices for Camp Nootemeing

10 cubic yard \$295

12 \$350
20 \$445 discounted to \$410
30 \$665 \$610

Contact Tom @ x134

Need 1 wk notice

Keep the container for 7 -10 days

Very interested on all the Camp's business

April 11 2005 **Waste Management** dumpster prices

I tried for one hour. Three different phone numbers. Could not get through to anyone

We did this a year ago. Same results.. Waste Management unresponsive, and Royal Carting the best priced. The committee recommended switching vendors at that time.

*****NPC 4/25 meeting at 7:02 p.m.*****

- **Backhoe Forks**

Camp is looking for forks for the backhoe. Butch may have access to some 42 inches or so. Offer through Gary Aber to give us hardwood lumber, different sizes and lengths but would need a forklift and a backhoe with a bucket to get. Butch suggests going to look at the wood to check quality first. **Stan and Daryl** will go and look at the wood. If we take we will likely store it behind the pole barn.

- **Tree Planting**

Scheduled for Saturday. Pack 100 will be coming June 4. May send a few OA kids down to help out on the 4/30 tree planting session. Sapling and seeds have begun to arrive.

- **OA Work weekend**

Reviewed work projects.

Donna and Jeremy will be up to help setting up the tents in the campsites. Some sites have platform work that needs to be done first. We should get a small crew of adults to lead a repair crew on the sites to fix platforms first. Will need to get screws; the camp has patch kits. Need rough-cut lumber from Custom Forests τ an account has already been set up. 55 cents a board (pine).

No on the dumpster. The dumpster could be donated. Appliances from Kiwanis should be brought to the metal pile by maintenance yard. 270-gallon tank from ranger's cabin can be split in half and used for a BBQ grill.

Moving platforms in Mohawk. Potential for loosing limbs from trees near two or three tent platforms. Should call Dave Adams from Pack 31 who adopted the site to give him a courtesy call. **Daryl** will call him.

- **Mini Cabin Proposal**

Project was approved for Troop 95 prototype and then see after it the T95 cabin was built to see how units liked it and then determine if changes were needed. Project proposal and

site plan was distributed. Prototype cabin will cost about \$3200. Troop 95 has \$2800. The committee asked **Mike** to contact Troop 95 and ask for a further \$400 to be donated.

Randy will call Custom Forest Products tomorrow to contract the prototype cabin. Will still need posthole diggers. Jim Murphy said overall council likes the idea but wants to move slowly. It was noted that Jim has a lot of experience with mini-cabins and that he is favor of the idea. Turn-around time for Quick Fund is 2-3 weeks. Approval process for Beech Mt Funds will go quicker if there is a prototype built.

The pavilion is also seen as a great addition. Considered also erecting a pavilion in the Tuscorora site as a prototype. Pavillion will cost \$2500. Would like to build prototype pavilion as model for future pavilions in campsites. Agreed that **Stan** will ask the Quick Fund to pay for the prototype pavilion to be built at the same time as the T95 McFarlin memorial prototype cabin.

Butch said regarding the postholes that it would be better to dig trenches, lay in sonic tubes instead of renting posthole digger. Trenches will be easier as in drilling 9/10 times the drill does not go where it needs to go.

OA Service Grant

Discussed the National OA service grant and determined that **Mike** will ask Nacha Nimat if there is lodge interest in applying for the grant for a project to benefit Camp Nooteming. The committee selected the building of pavilions in campsites as the ideal project. The committee already has plans for a pavilion drawn by Rich Iuele and hopes to have a prototype pavilion paid for by the Quick Fund built in Tuscorora to guide the OA in construction of their choice of one or two pavilions in campsites as yet to be determined. It was noted the OA service grant is a matching grant and so Nacha Nimat would need to raise half of the funds. Each pavilion costs \$2,500. If the lodge is interested they would need to decide the quantity of pavilions they could handle building in 2006. At least 50% of the labor needs to come from the OA. The deadline for applying for the grant is October 30, 2005 and they can ask for up to \$5,000. These would be 2006 OA projects.

Electrical / AB Building

Frank reported that DigSafe NY spray painted grounds where underline wires are buried near the ranger's cabin. Took pictures so as to establish an electrical as built. Whenever we bury lines in the future we'll do the same.

Outlet in rifle range is done for the safe. New outlet in pole barn building needs to be completely rewired. Seeking lights and heat by winter.

AB wiring all done. Re-serviced on temporary feed. Old power line from AB to Quartermaster shed has been removed. Later a trench will be built and the lines will be buried and then it will be put on permanent. Plan to rip down fire siren and add it onto the AB. Siren is old considered whether we want to upgrade it or add additional sirens throughout camp. Decided to stick with one.

Need \$7-10,000 to fix the AB building. Roof leaks and needs to be fixed as soon as possible. Would like to repair before winter. **Frank** will put together a proposal for Stan to present to Ralph. Frank does not want to spend time getting estimates and talking to contractors unless council will pay for repairs. Frank believes it will become a safety issue when the propane heater is used.

Blodgett will need a lot of work soon. Porch foundation is cracking, roof is leaking, structure is separating. Capital improvement money should be allotted for Blodgett and AB.

Survey of Property

Spectra had two paid staffs surveying perimeter and interior. No deadline on completion date as the work being performed is pro bono and operating as fill in work. Boundaries, location of roads, the addition of GPS controls have all been added. **Kurt** will tell the survey crew about mark-out of power lines by rangers cabin so we can add it to the eventual camp map.

Orienteering Course

Jim said it looked okay and gave council permission for Troop 31 to proceed in permanently marking it. Kurt will tell Troop 31 to go ahead and start marking the course, but to keep Daryl involved. Plan to add flat metal discs and drive them into the ground. Troop 31 will underwrite the entire project.

Composting Latrines

The Community Foundation of Poughkeepsie offers a \$3,000 max grant for equipment or training to build the capacity of the organization to serve the community or further program areas. Decided to look into applying the grant for an Enviroloo composting latrine as considered in previous meetings. The plan is to build one in a site yet to be determined as a prototype, with the idea that if it works well more could follow. **Mike** will watch for when the grant application comes out and work with council in applying for the grant. **Jim** plans to visit Clearlake Scout Reservation to check out their composting latrines.

Ranger's Cabin Trimwork

Butch will be up as soon as he can to do the trimwork.

Ranger's Cabin (work update)

In progress. Was issue with billing with Spectra.

Inventory

Inventory will be done by summer camp inspection.

Roadwork

Dutchess Quarry has brought stone in and roads have begun to be forked.

Summer Camp preparation

Concerned with spillway bridge ⊥ slated to be torn down on the OA weekend.
Ice machine ⊥ looking at getting retail freezer and restock with ice during the summer times.

Not sure what the status of the mystery machine is located in the AB. **Frank** will ask Jeremy to provide information.

Frank would like to see a meeting in July with programs and camp people to review what changes need to be made a year in advance not several months before the start of summer camp.

Committee Liaison to Program !! Camping Committee

Frank asked if there was a volunteer liaison to the camp committee. Recommended that the properties committee appoint a volunteer to be a liaison to the camping and program committees. Appointed Frank to this position.

Spillway Bridge

Concern about whether once torn down there will be funding to replace it. **Mike** will draw up a proposal to be included in our proposal to seek out funding from Beech Mt Fund alongside proposal for the AB and Blodgett renovations.

Community Transition Group

Hasn't returned phone calls. Six kids available two days a week with adult leader.

Maintenance Fence

Nothing to report.

Alumni Association

Nothing to report.

Woodcutting

Log-splitter is here and capable for log splitting on OA weekend if done by adults and oil checked every time new gas is poured in.

Trees behind AB need to be tackled.

Proposal that council purchase two sets of chaps and two sets of helmets. \$57 each for chaps. \$46 for helmet. Motion seconded and passed.

Multi-Use Field

It was asked what the status was of this project that has been dormant for some time waiting for presentation to the board for conceptual approval? It was said that council does not like the idea of turning it into a field. It was wondered whether the board or professionals have visited the area to see for themselves the fire hazards of dead trees and downed trees, as well as the eyesore it serves alongside posted signs identifying it as Camp Nootemung lands. The committee revisited the hazards the area now presents and how the community has complained about its condition. Kurt refreshed the committee that the town fire inspector has repeatedly asked the council to clean the area up. **Kurt** will be sending Stan documentation from the fire inspector who voiced problems with downed trees at the corner of Davis and Scout Roads. The committee's proposal delivered to Ralph on 12/5/05 called for the removal of the trees and to turn the relatively flat area into a picturesque grass field that could serve many uses from sports fields to hosting company or unit picnics to spillover parking for large events or to curb in-camp driving (removing yet another safety hazard) or perhaps serve as the site of a later building project. As per last month's minutes the Army Corp of Engineer would be

interested in performing the work involved here but would need four-months lead time to plan. The commander of the area Army Corp of Engineers is a local Eagle Scout from Troop 95, and the Army Corp of Engineers had once been active performing work projects at Camp Nootemeing prior to the merger.

It was also noted that a spillway bridge will be needed to link the field to the rest of the camp. As the lower camp is becoming crowded the addition of a multi-use field would expand program areas.

Rifle Range

Side trellis and rifle roof should be spent before September.

Red Trail

Mike reported that we have been approved to ask for donations from Home Depot, Lowe's, Page Lumber and Dutchess Quarry. Mike and Frank went to Home Depot and Page but hit the wrong day. **Kurt** will ask Page.

There are 5 more bridges needed, 3-20 footers and 2- 16 footers. Wood needed: 7- 2x6x20ft PT - Stringers, 6- 2x6x16ft PT - Stringers, 51-2x6x12ft PT - Decking or 204 - 2x6x36 PT boards. This lumber would complete the bridge building on the Red Trail with the exception of the Spill Way Bridge.

Campers Showers

Need new water heater.

Refrigeration

Kitchen refrigerator is down. Can't get a hold of Bryan Peterson. Looking for new vendors.

Firehouse

Kurt and Randy will locate best area for firehouse as the weather is now warm enough to do so. Bill Jr. will contact Craig Elderkin to rekindle project.

Camp Use \mp Outside Groups

August 20-24th. Latvian Scouts, part of Boy Scouts of America, are looking to rent the camp. **Jim** will check council's calendar for availability. Fantasies and Legends group coming in June \mp pay \$500 for the camp for the week.

Rental Cabins

Council policy is now that it will not rent to anyone in substandard condition. Bill Sr. will be getting Ralph material costs to put the rental cabin in good condition. It was noted that Aaron Tuttle had already provided the committee and Ralph a list of work to be done with the cabin. The committee reviewed the areas in need of work: Bathroom needs to be redone; Sub-floor and joints need to be replaced; Shower is shot; Water heater is shot; Replace kitchen cabinets; Replace door; Deck is shot; Half-baked paint job.

Randy would like to see the cabin rented to Aaron Tuttle who will fix it up and for limited rent. **Kurt** will resend Aaron's proposal to Jim and Ralph.

Wish List

The OA newsletter will now be publishing our camp wish list. Wish list was distributed for people to add to.

Ralph Availability

Stan announced Ralph is available for phone calls.

Chairman

Bill Jr. raised the issue of appointing a permanent chairman to lower the stress level that Stan faces in this position. A 45-minute conversation on the challenges facing the committee ensued. The committee decided to table the topic until a later date and asked Stan to continue on as chairman for an additional month.

Next meeting: Monday, May 23, 2005

Meeting adjourned 10:10