

Camp Nooteeing Properties Committee
February 11, 2005

In lieu of a February committee meeting Chairman Michael Kelsey asked that the Nooteeing Properties Committee focus on camp projects. **The committee will resume meeting on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Baden Powell Lodge** at the camp.

What follows is an update and current status of projects, activities and initiatives as reported by committee members.

Electrical

Frank Sforza reports that he and Daryl are making great strides in updating the camp's wiring, light fixtures and electrical apparatus. He reports that council has provided the materials to purchase 22 new light fixtures that he and Daryl began installing them on 2/8/05. Blodgett now has eight new fixtures with lens covers. Kiwanis now has two new fixtures. Additionally two fans were fixed in Blodgett and a Carbon Monoxide detector was installed in Top Gun. Frank targets the AB next and in addition to fixtures he plans to a major re-wiring job so that it will be done in time for summer camp. Frank has asked for input from units on where they'd like outlets in the buildings, and what other lighting or electric needs they may have.

Plans to replace utility poles and wires at the camp on a given Saturday in accord with December's inspection are still pending. As noted in previous minutes **Mike Englishby** will be arranging for a crew from Central Hudson to assist with this effort.

Camp Timeline

Since the last meeting Mike Kelsey assembled a timeline of camp development projects and mass distributed it by email seeking input from the Scouting community in sketching the history of the camp's physical structure. He reported the need to record when improvements are made at the camp so that the next generation of camp volunteers are not left re-inventing the wheel, but have detailed records chronologically showing repairs, construction and system specs. He also indicated that by knowing the camp's history of land use the committee will be better situated to objectively consider how best the facilities can meet the program needs of council units. Significant contributions were made by Stan Warywas, Wayne Mallen, Bryan Peterson, Ryan Lewis, Dave Dean as well as Bob Travis whose records provided the starting point. Dave Dean, who was camp ranger for many years in the 1990s reported a detailed list of projects completed under his watch. Dave's report included mention of the buried wires found by Frank in his December electrical inspection. We include both here so that there is a permanent record of their existence:

The only three locations in camp where power lines are buried are; between the Rangers Cottage and the power pole near the road by the first metal storage barn, the wires run along the mowed grass and brush line, and from the Rangers Cottage to the cut off power pole across the road from the cottage and then down to the water front building, which also includes a telephone cable. The only other location is from the power pole by well #5 then runs across the front of the well #5 tank building and into the bottom of the front wall and up to the pump control panel.

- 1990 Construction of the Berkshire Latrine and wash sink.
- 1991 Designed and installed privacy walls and doors in all latrines
- 1993 Designed and constructed a new wooden body for the Dodge Camp Truck
- 1993 Designed and constructed Rifle Rests for the Rifle Range
- 1994 Installed new Metal doors and rear steps in B.P.
- 1994 Designed and constructed new wash sink for the original lake latrine
- 1994 Removed rear door in Staff Showers, installed Urinal and new toilet
- 1994 Built Privacy wall between Staff Shower House and Dinning Hall
- 1994 Designed and constructed all new screens for Dinning Hall
- 1994 Designed and constructed New Breeze Way Doors and screens
- 1995 Replaced all front window sills in Dinning Hall
- 1995 Moved old Latrine in Archery Range and added new roof, walls and door for Archery Lock Up

- 1995 Designed and constructed Handicap Ramp for Oneida Tent
- 1995 Rebuilt Health Lodge Interior, to include Kitchen, Sick Bay, private bedroom, new doors and windows
- 1995 Snowstorm collapsed Rangers Garage and Maintenance building across from Rangers House, we removed building and graded area with my Kaboda Tractor. John Kirkhus removed footings with his excavator
- 1995 Snowstorm collapsed Metal Storage Barn #2, with much help we removed collapsed roof, a new roof and trusses were installed via contractor
- 1995 I added five new showers, cement block walls and cement floor to Camper Shower Building
- 1996 Three new flag pole were put up in Gilwell Field
- 1996 New roof, changing room wall and door was added to Camper Shower Building
- 1996 Privacy walls were added to Camper Showers changing room
- 1996 Rebuilt A.B. front porch and roof supports for porch roof
- 1997 The Big Bear Water Slide was born
- 1997 Power lines were buried to Ranger Cottage
- 1997 I rebuilt camp Dump Truck and built trailer hitch to tow water buffalo's
- 1997 Early snowstorm destroyed Oneida tents and platforms
- 1997 Clearcut and sold all Red Pine in camp excluding property across the lake
- 1998 Replaced roof and hot water heater stack on Camper Shower House
- 1998 Build stairs for Seneca Tents
- 1998 New roof, septic vent and paint for Cooks Cabin
- 1998 Widen road way and entrance to parking lot
- 1998 Replace Camper Shower's Septic System and tank
- 1998 I designed and managed construction of New Lake Latrine
- 1998 Stripped Kitchen, had floor and breeze way floor epoxy coated and painted walls after steam cleaning
- 1999 Removed and replaced Kiwanis Lodge Basement and door. I added back porch, railing and steps
- 1999 I designed and managed the construction of the new water tank building for well #5 to replace old tank
- 1999 Replaced Health Lodge Septic System and tank

Frank reported that he has made it a practice to date every electrical fixture as it is worked on and that Daryl is keeping a running log of the work they perform.

The complete timeline of camp development will soon be uploaded the website.

Website/Resource Surveys

The website [www.billyburly.com/npcweb/] was launched as a tool of communication and recruitment on February 3, 2005. The response has been positive with over 160 hits in the first 24 hours. Several new members have joined the committee and completed resource surveys as a result of the website's launching. Others have registered their support on the site guestbook or in email form. We include emails of support from non-committee members below.

I wanted to say what an excellent job you are doing with the website, I think it could become a great tool for the Camp with respect to the promotion for resident and day summer camp for packs and troops in the Northeast area, which in turn could help the Hudson Valley Council budget issues.

Keep up the good work and Camp Nootemung will be bigger and better than ever for our boys and for the scouts of the future.

YIS
Dolores Breidenstein
Pack 80 - Asst. den Leader

Great web site guys!!

My Wolf Cub Scout and I were checking it out. He is very excited about Scout camp this summer.

The 5 year plan sounds great, too. Nooteming sure could use some upgrades. Much of that stuff is years overdue.

I have some Explorers from 17 in my Drafting class at Roosevelt High School. They are working on the plans for a fire house to be built at the camp. Great idea. It is really nice to see high school scouts talking about scouts in school. That usually doesn't happen. They are quite excited about having a "place of their own" at the camp. Don't know why it has taken so many years to come up with that simple solution. Kudos to the property committee.

Yours in Scouting,

Dan Woolever
Scouter, Scout Father
Technology Teacher FD Roosevelt High School

I want to extend a very belated thank you to the Nooteming properties committee. So much has been done in the past few years it is hard not to notice the changes. I am especially grateful to the improvements in the roadways. In November of 2003 my troop was having our annual thanksgiving campout. We served 120 people a delicious turkey dinner cooked outside under the Nature Pavilion. Shortly after dinner for no explainable reason I suffered a grand mal seizure. I have never had one before and thankfully have not had one since. The ambulance was called. Due to the great improvements of the roadways the ambulance was able to make it to me easily. That would not have been possible before.

It is very exciting to see the projects the committee has planned. As committee chair for Venture Crew 37 I feel the addition of a cope course and expansion of the shooting program would be fantastic. I do hope our council will approve the 5 year plan soon so many of these visions can become realities.

thank you Mike, for all you and your committee have done.

Julie Clark
Committee Chair
Troop 37
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Hyde Park, NY

I just want to say how impressive and professional the Nooteming Properties Committee web site is. It illustrates a clear forward thinking plan to improve the camp and a unique look at its history. It shows a camp with potential and not a camp of neglect that so many have come to believe it is. I think it will be helpful in recruiting volunteers and donations to continue the much needed improvements. I know I will point people to the web site as I continue to solicit materials for the camp and its programs.

Keep up the good work!

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You are doing a great job with the Nooteeing's Property Committee, please keep up the great work that you and everyone on the committee is accomplishing. Please let us know if we can do anything to help keep the momentum going and help get Noot back to where she belongs. I had a chance to check out the website and I forwarded it to my entire troop asking them to take a look and pass it along. Awesome website to show what the camp is all about.

Please pass along my congratulations as well to the webmaster, I understand he is an Eagle Scout who just turned 18 and did this of his own accord without anyone asking. Outstanding!!!

Again, please let me know if my troop can help in any way.

YIS,
Aaron Tuttle,
Scoutmaster, Troop 37
Hyde Park, NY

Billy Durr continues to upload new material to the site. We have asked that a link to the site be added to the HVC web site. Chris Dick has contacted the committee mentioning that he owns the domain name "Nooteeing.com" and has made it available to our use. In time the committee hopes to take him up on this. The website includes all past meeting minutes of the Nooteeing Properties Committee but these have been password protected. Those committee members who wish to have access should email Mike Kelsey for the password. The complete list of completed resource surveys is also available online but is password protected. Contact Mike Kelsey for the password to find skilled and willing workers for your next project

Independent Initiatives

A number of units have expressed interest in leading projects at the camp due in part to the launching of the website and its invitation to them to get involved. Troop 31 from Millbrook has asked to take on a project of building a permanent orienteering course with metal discs marking each coordinate and the entire course being available for unit use via the council service center and a patch available for purchase upon completion of the course. Mike forwarded Troop 31's request to Jim Murphy for council approval on 2/8/05 but did not receive a response. **Kurt** will serve as coordinator to this project and should follow up with Jim for council blessing.

The OA has expressed interest in starting up a mountain bike program at both Camp Nooteeing and Camp Bullowa. While short of making a formal presentation to the committee the OA is thinking of purchasing mountain bikes and helping to maintain (perhaps also create) mountain bike trails. The committee has asked the OA to continue moving forward with this idea but as they do so to consider that the VP of Program might need to approve a mountain bike program at the camps and that the Camp Nooteeing would need to arrange for storage space for the bikes and that perhaps this could be built for via the National Order of the Arrow Grant. October 31, 2005 is the deadline for the OA National Service Grant Application

The Dutchess County Fire Explorers remain interested in building a firehouse at the camp. One of their Explorers is creating architectural designs for the firehouse in his high school drafting class as we have requested. The status of this project awaits council approval and a meeting is still needed between the Explorers and council. **Bill Griffiths, Jr.** will be planning it.

Spillway Bridge

In keeping with the calendar passed out at the January meeting the committee still seeks to start the Spillway Bridge replacement in April. In early January Ralph Heavner asked that we consider moving the location of the bridge to make it more prominent as Scouts enter the camp. Randy and Kurt conducted a study and concluded that the stretch would be too long and the pitch too steep for changing the location and keeping within budget. Randy has designed a plan for the bridge and with donated wood has already built nine trusses for the bridge.

Composting Latrines

Mike has sent Ralph the plans of the composting latrine used at Clearlake Scout Reservation that Frank Fetzer and Steve Murphy obtained. These will be used when council reviews the committee's five-year plan.

Patrol-Size Cabins

Mike indicated that he spoke with the ranger at Camp Roosevelt in Maine who designed the patrol-sized cabins used there. The ranger indicated that when he began replacing platform tent sites with patrol-sized cabins that the response was so popular that the patrol-sized cabin sites are the first to be reserved at the camp. Camp Roosevelt now has nine sites of patrol-sized cabins (total of 70 cabins) and only seven sites of tents. The ranger indicated that 25-30 people have since requested copies of the plans once again indicating their popularity. The ranger noted that the tent platforms at his camp are generally 30 feet whereas the patrol-sized cabins are 40 feet. By milling his own lumber he estimated that each four-person patrol-sized cabin only costs his council \$400, which he noted was the price of two two-person tents and two platforms. He has since sent Mike the plans who has copied them and mailed copies to Ralph, Randy and Butch.

Donations

LUMBER

Randy and Frank note many positive developments on the donations front. Randy reported that he and Frank visited Lowes and that their lumber manager expressed interest in giving the Scouts first shot on discounted culled lumber (less than 8 feet). Randy expressed enthusiasm for the possibility of getting cheap lumber that can be used for the patrol-sized cabins, Red Trail bridges or other camp projects. Randy inquired about the possibility of a petty cash flow for this purpose and council president Bill Grogg has approved this use of petty cash to pay for the culled lumber.

Randy reports having received two truckloads of culled lumber so far. The first truckload included 20 2x4x10 and 42 2x4x12 boards for \$29.82 (w/tax \$32.28), which translates into about .10 on the dollar. Most of this wood will be devoted to rebuilding the spillway bridge a project set to begin in April. At the time of receiving this truckload Randy estimated the savings to the camp would reduce the current estimate of the bridge from the original \$5,000 to about \$2,500.

SIGNAGE

Frank reports talking with Pages Millwork Shop and that they are willing to donate scrapwood mainly consisting of shelving stuff that Frank believes can be used to make signs. Mike suggests using this wood to develop a uniform sign system at camp and is hoping someone will volunteer to spearhead the project. A number of individuals have already checked off the box indicating signage skills while taking a resource survey. Therefore the job of setting up a uniform system of signs at camp really only needs someone to help organize it. Volunteers should e-mail Mike Kelsey.

RIFLE

Randy reports developments with donations to the council rifle and BB program as a result of his ties with National Rifle Association. Through a very generous arrangement with the leadership of Daisy, the

manufacturer has offered the council the opportunity to purchase 50 guns (divided equally between Nootooming and Bullowa) for the price of \$2,000 and of this the Mid-Hudson Friends of the NRA will be contributing a half the price. Randy notes that rifles (Avanti Model #499 Champion) regularly retail for \$125 each. Thanks to the assistance of the Mid-Hudson Friends of the NRA who put Randy in touch with the corporate leadership of Daisy the council will be getting each gun for \$40 each. Daisy will also throw in a 50-lb. Box of BBs and a large quantity of targets. Camp Bullowa and Camp Nootooming will be splitting the cost 50/50 -- \$500 each. Nootooming's share will come from a donation Randy received from the American Legion in the amount of \$1,800.

The remaining \$1,300 of the American Legion grant is slated to be spent on rifles on a deal through Dick's Sporting Goods that Randy has been cultivating. Randy reports the model guns he is looking at purchasing can be found at the USA - ROSSI website:

<http://www.rossiusa.com/products/products-matchedpairs.cfm>.

2) Model # S411220RS : .410/.22

4) Model # S201220RS : 20gauge/.22

2) Model # S202250YM : 20gauge/.22/.50 Black Powder

4) Model # S121280RS : 12gauge/.22

The Manager at DICK'S is supposed to contact Randy after checking with their corporate people on special pricing for us.

Benefactor List

Many businesses and many people have pitched in to help Camp Nootooming over the last few years and we need to recognize them. Everyone is asked to compile a list of those volunteers and benefactors who you know have helped the camp these past few years and send it to Mike Kelsey for eventual recognition on the Web page as well as at an as yet unplanned recognition ceremony.

Catskill Lean-to

Butch reported that he scheduled three workdays during the cold month of January and that the lean-to is now completely enclosed in and capable use. At some point the committee will want to undertake nailing of boards over the plywood siding to match the other lean-tos but the lean-to is now fully functional and capable of use.

There was a need to purchase additional plywood to complete it and Ryan Lewis authorized Butch to buy 15 sheets of plywood and that the Order of the Arrow will reimburse him. Chris Mason agreed to pursue this and **Mike** will follow up to make sure Butch is promptly reimbursed.

Rangers Cabin

As mentioned previously Daryl will tend to the front porch at his leisure and Butch will tend to the trim work at his leisure.

Ralph indicated that council will be contacting Spectra to ask that they speed up their inspection so that the CO can be obtained sooner rather than later. Kurt will do the same at Spectra.

Inventory

Bill Griffiths, Sr. is set to begin inventorying camp assets in keeping with the schedule posted in the January minutes. His starting point is a 2001 inventory of assets that includes 628 different categories of assets in the following buildings or program areas: Ranger's Cabin, both pole barns, Baden Powell, Blodgett, Trading Post, AB, Top Gun, Cooks Cabin, Dining Hall, Kitchen, Kiwanis, Archery Range, Boat Storage Locker, Archery Storage Locker, Waterfront, Health Lodge, B.S. Locker, and Nature.

Frank proposes meeting a half-hour early of the March 14 meeting at 6:30 to make command decisions about the objects stored in the Kiwanis basement.

Surveying

Kurt reports two successful workdays at the camp where the boundary of the camp was marked. Carney Rhinevault from Spectra Engineering, Architecture and Surveying, P.C. and Steve Miller of Badey & Watson Surveying and Engineering, P.C. and Troop 17, Hyde Park have been leading up efforts. Actual surveying is set to begin and Carney will be contacting the Department of Transportation for permission to survey near the Taconic State Parkway off the camp's northern border. Troop 41 in Glenham, Troop 25 in Poughkeepsie and Troop 26 in Poughkeepsie have all expressed interest in helping surveying as have Scouts in Troop 95, Troop 17 and Troop 37. Surveying dates remain set at Feb. 19, Mar. 5, Mar. 19 and April 2. **Kurt** is coordinating the scheduling.

Kiwanis

Mike has been in touch with Poughkeepsie Kiwanis whose organization sponsored the construction of the Kiwanis Lodge. Mike will be attending one of their meetings in March to discuss the Kiwanis Lodge, Camp Nooteeming and Scouting.

Wood Cutting Days

As practiced at Camp Lowden (Illinois, Wisconsin) Camp Nooteeming is going to try starting an annual woodcutting day where laborers are asked to give a day towards cutting down dead and fallen trees and trimming back branches. Trained workers with chainsaws as well as laborers to clear, stack and transport the firewood to campsites will be needed. Due to abundant dead trees at the camp this March we are looking to schedule two workdays: Saturday, March 13th and Saturday March 20st. Mike ran this idea by Ranger Daryl Bucknor and sent Jim Murphy an email on 2/10 for approval of the scheduling but did not receive an answer back. The plan is for a postcard to go out to all council volunteers asking them show up where two crews will be organized. The first crew will be an in-camp crew that will tackle the dead trees around campsites, buildings, roads and trails. The second crew will tackle the dead and downed trees behind the lake and at the entrance of the camp as seen from the road that the Pleasant Valley Fire Inspector has asked us to address. Scouting policies regarding use of chainsaws including hard hats, safety glasses and chaps will be enforced and the days will begin with a mandatory safety session. Ranger Daryl Bucknor will supervise this project with one of the crews led by Randy Wacker. **Randy** will follow up with Jim and prepare the text for the postcards.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

With March serving as an annual woodcutting month we are hoping to implement April as an annual month for tree-planting in the camp. Bill Griffiths, Sr. has agreed to serve as the organizer of a camp wide Arbor Day tree-planting effort for Saturday April 30. Pack 122 from Poughkeepsie and Troop 17 from Hyde Park have already volunteered to help plant trees this day. Bill is seeking to determine what species of trees will be best and then secure donations. Frank reports that he might know of a promising source of sapling donations.

Bill Sr. also reports on progress and activity in tree-planting from previous years which came as a commentary after last month's minutes sought to relocate saplings from the blowdown area behind Mohawk. Bill writes:

I've had an Arborist visit the Camp every year to inspect the overall health of the Camps forest and to assist to identify immediate and soon to be safety issues in the forest. The cleared Red Pine field above Mohawk field has reseeded itself with Red Pine. this is unusual as Red Pine does not do well in this area. They are growing unusually slowly for Pine and replanting those saplings would not be the best move for two reasons. It would remove plantings in an area that need plantings and It is my understanding the Red Pine would not survive elsewhere as they have died off throughout the Camp. The Arborist said he is impressed and somewhat surprised at the overall good health of the Camps forest. Last year he suggested the Camp forest could benefit from a long term thinning program in some areas. He further suggested this could be a source of income for the Camp. I can speak from personal experience, that if not properly, it can destroy the esthetic beauty of our Camp.

Last year we supported Cub units plantings of trees for Arbor Day and as part of the Cub program. Some 30 pine were planted throughout the camp. Despite marking the trees with surveyors tape, and personally showing those involved with grass cutting and snow plowing, the vast majority of them were mowed down during the following summer or destroyed by snow plowing.

Now would be the time of year to invite the Cub units to plan for this year's Arbor Day activities. Plantings are available through Cornell's Home & Farm Office in Millbrook. The cost is like \$15 per 100 starters. The Cub units should accept responsibility for care, watering & feeding for at least two consecutive years. The Properties Committee should designate appropriate areas where the plantings should be and further promote a campaign of informing all Camp guests as to the protection of these planting efforts.

Alumni Association

Mike and Stan Warywas held a meeting on 1/30/2005 to discuss the Camp Nooteeing Alumni Association. Stan has agreed to serve as the Alumni Association President. Interest for such an organization is taking shape and mention of the concept is included on the committee website. The alumni association is still waiting on **Eric Chamberlain** to sanction the group and determine its structure. An unanswered email was sent to Eric on 1/30/2005.

Roadwork

With the spring thaw the committee should start thinking of scheduling workdays to work on the camp's roads.

OA Ordeal Projects

Ralph asked that when the dock is painted that we use skid-proof paint.

The committee still desires to receive plans from **OA** on how they plan to go about renovating the Benedict Memorial on their Spring ordeal.

Mattresses

Ralph said that council will be discussing with program people whether to discontinue their use.

Board Schedule

Stan Brown reported the Board's meeting schedule for the year: The Executive Committee Meeting meets 2/25, 3/31, 6/17, 9/23, 10/28, and 11/18. The Executive Board meets 4/22, 6/21, 12/15. No meetings in May and August as May is the National Meeting in Texas and historically the board does not meet in August. The board presently follows an open-door policy as per guests.

Five Year Plan

Stan Brown reported mid-January that he had spoke with Ralph Heavner regarding the five-year plan and that Ralph liked what he saw calling it "ambitious, on-target and visionary." The committee was asked to "beef-up" new projects and Mike has sent the plans for the composting latrines and the tent cabins on to Ralph. **Ralph and Randy** were to plan a tour of the camp for Ralph to tour the area of the proposed multi-use field. When Mike contacted Ralph to inquire about the progress of the five-year-plan and whether the board would consider it as their February meeting, Ralph declined to discuss it and ended the call. Stan's e-mails to Ralph about the status of the five-year plan have, as of this writing, gone unanswered.

Bill Grogg has indicated that he does not think the committee's five-year plan is the comprehensive plan for Camp Nooteeing that he has in mind. He would rather see a plan detailing the complete use of the properties plan and that such an undertaking requires input from all areas of the council including properties, program and finance committees as well as the community. His timetable implies that once the council VP of Properties approves the plan that it would circulate among Program and Finance committees and perhaps a round of revisions before a hearing could be scheduled with the board of directors. This process would seem to span over the course of a several years. In a response email that went unanswered Mike indicated that this has not how the approval process has worked in the past, that the units seem to

support the committee's plan and indicated that the committee stands ready to implement it's plan. Mike asked for a hearing with the board to explain the committee's vision and concrete plan for Nooteming and concluded with the following paragraph:

I've got a great committee and great support from both the units and community, I want the opportunity to seize the moment and make a difference at the camp and in the lives of generations of Scouts so they can have even a greater experience at Nooteming than I did as a Scout. Please help me to deliver.

This emailed plea went unanswered.