

**Nooteeming Properties Committee**  
**March 14, 2005**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance**

Stan Brown  
Michael Kelsey  
Frank Sforza  
Kurt Schollmeyer  
Butch Kidney  
Daryl Bucknor  
Bill Griffiths, Sr.  
Stan Waryas  
Jim Murphy  
Ryan Lewis  
Bill Griffiths, Jr.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

***Progress Reports:***

**Woodcutting Days**

Due to inclement weather the Woodcutting Day scheduled for 3/12 was cancelled. Frank, Mike, Bryant and Daryl were up on Monday and dead trees and dangerous limbs were removed from the area around the climbing wall and rifle range. Mike and Frank will be back up on Friday 3/18. A woodcutting day is still scheduled for 3/19.

Bill Sr. was in touch with Dave Dean regarding the trees taken down by the waterfront in years past. Dave Dean reported that !! the Red Pine all over the camp had the blight and was dying off making dangerous conditions from falling trees, so it was decided by those involved in the management of the camp at that time to bring in a logging company and clear cut, stack and truck out the trees, most went to Canada for stud lumber, the rest went for mulch. The only area we did not do was the far side of the lake, no reasonable access route was available. | The area around the dinning hall and waterfront changed dramatically after the removal of the Red Pine and stumps.¶

**Tree Planting**

Bill Sr. reported that on February 18, 2005 NYS DEC Forester Barbara Lucas-Wilson reviewed the Camp Nooteeming forest and all campsites & made recommendations for the forest health & campsite safety & proposed suggestions for the Arbor Day service project plantings on Saturday April 30 2005. Present were Bill Griffiths Sr. & Frank Sforza. Her report follows:

Several trees, actually in the campsites, at several campsites, need to have the dead branches pruned. Other trees in the campsites need to be removed because they are dying from various conditions and will be a future hazard. Barbara reviewed these in detail with Bill. The pruning will require equipment to reach the branches, as they are high up. The pruning needs to be done immediately, as this is an existing potential hazard. The following conditions were observed on trees actually in some of the campsites: Black Mold, Trunk Rot, Mushroom type fungus on the trunks. These trees are dying and/or will die and should be removed throughout the property. Also the Oak trees are not replanting themselves due to the excessive canopy effect of the density of the forest. Removing the unhealthy trees throughout the forest will promote the previous species diversity.

Ropes tied around live trees will kill the trees. This condition was observed in use for: railings for trails, totin↑ chit areas, off limits areas, and clotheslines. These ropes should be on their own separate posts. Barbara also observed that there is an invasive bush at Mohawk. This species needs to be removed and roots killed as discovered throughout the property.

Barbara↑ s suggestions for plantings are White Pine, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, Fruit Trees, Raspberry Bushes. The Fruit Trees and Raspberry Bushes would be appropriate around the perimeter of the open fields and the open campsites. Brushhog away the "garbage thorn bushes" that there now. Kill their

roots with roundout to prepare the sites for plantings. This should be done as soon as there is evidence of spring growth activity.

The Red Pines that have re-seeded themselves on the top of the hill are surprisingly healthy. Other species of pine could be planted in this area, 15 feet apart. Some of our trees that are in trouble are White Ash. White Ash is in trouble in this region. Barbara was impressed to see Larch trees and that they are healthy. If we wanted to thin healthy trees, we could help ourselves to our Locust trees, as we have many. There are no existing plans to thin healthy trees. This is basically a summary of the Forester's visit. ed soon.

At present I have two sources for plantings: Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, Millbrook and DEC Nursery, Saratoga Springs NY.

As a non-profit organization we qualify for the free DEC program. The Department of Environmental Conservation is offering free tree seedlings to schools across New York for spring planting. **Requests must be received by March 27.** The program provides 50 tree seedlings or a mixed packet of 20 wildlife shrubs to any public or private school that would like to participate in the program. Wildlife shrubs provide food and shelter for birds and mammals and make a good buffer between open and forested areas.

Planting 50 seedlings will require approximately 1,800 square feet, while the shrub planting will require about half that space.

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The Dutchess County Soil Water Conservation ordering **deadline is also the end of March.**

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Pointers: Can't plant trees where mower goes. Should ask Scouts who plant to commit to watering and keeping an eye on what they plant for the months following.

Maintenance Area Natural Fence Planting Project: Thinking of planting multiple rows of evergreen like white pine to hide the maintenance area. Plant lower growing plants first. **Frank** will be heading up this project. Long-term project is natural fence ⊥ not a maintenance issue. Area thinking is from dumpsters to archery field. Caution underground wires we need to be tagged. Also be careful of roots growing. Frank says Pack 100 will come up on Sunday, May 1, 2005 to do this as Saturday is a conflict with baseball

Daryl reports Pack 127 has 16 boys who want to help out. Mike reports that Troop 17 and Pack 122 are interested in helping. **Bill Sr.** or **Mike** will be in touch with them again confirm interest.

Suggested sending information to the commissioners to promote Arbor Day tree planting among the units and also at the roundtables.

**Bill Sr.** will get in touch with packs who expressed interest and will send Jim text promoting Arbor Day Tree Planting at Nooteming to go out as a mailing or through a the DE. Stan Waryas mentioned two of the packs interested mentioned above are his as commissioner and he will also talk to them.

### Electrical

Frank reported continued progress with the electrical upgrades:

TOP GUN: Replaced smoke detectors and CO in top Gun, removed ceiling fan.

BLODGETT: Fixed fan in Blodgett. Fixtures in Blodgett have been replaced with lens covers meet board of health specs, energy efficiency.

DINING HALL: Permanently disconnected wiring for strip lighting in dining hall as fixtures were shot, but the repair will wait as not a priority now. Frank has been working towards uniform fixtures to make inventory easier. Fixtures in the dining hall were in violation but now they have covers so temporarily addressed. Fixed outlet by freezer in DH, started in the kitchen. Dining hall is in good shape.

KIWANIS: Took three fixtures out of Kiwanis and replaced with two.

AB: AB is the priority now. Installed four fixtures in AB, tore out wiring and started rewiring, half done. Rewired fire siren so it works, tore out telephone wires but still have one line working in there. Disconnect switch has been installed in AB. Central Hudson will be coming to turn electric off to take wires down by trading post to eliminate violation. **Bryant** will be coming to run phone lines, **Bill Sr.** asked about the Merlin system that was donated to the camp which can distribute calls throughout camp to sixteen

different directions. Would be ideal if we could put the fax machine in the AB, rather than having it sent to the ranger's cabin as is presently happening. Bill Sr. suggested installing a wireless router in the ranger's cabin and have it sent to the AB.

RANGERS CABIN ▸ rewired closet, panel to attic, eventually will rewire bedrooms.

### **AB**

Frank reported big project under way in the AB building. The ceilings in both offices have been torn down. The little kitchen area has been gutted right to the studs. All the wiring has been removed. Rewiring is in full swing, the fire siren has been rewired and is fully operational. The two rooms are being bleached to kill off the smell of the illegal aliens. Daryl is now painting and then wiring will begin. The panel is being changed and relocated to the south wall. The distance has been measured to run the power line under ground.

Found some holes where squirrels have come in that we should screen to keep them out. Question whether we should insulate the building at all ▸ advantage is remove a home for animals. The absence of a suspended ceiling was said to be a plus by Bill Sr. and can make it a good candidate for a four-season building, suggested we keep the cathedral truss ceiling and insulate when we do the roofing, but insulate on top of the roof if used with shingles. Butch doesn't think this would be possible to meet the energy code ▸ will cost a fortune. Decided for the time being keep the interior ceiling free of insulation.

### **Dredging the Lake**

Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation ▸ Craig Vogel is willing to help with permit process for dredging the lake.

### **Surveying**

**Had to cancel one day. Will resume March 19. Have been setting up traverse points around the perimeter. Already have identified all but one monument on the boundary. Surveyors have secured deeds for camp, which said the property started on west side of creek. Exception to that deed in 1941 property on west side of creek was sold. Retained right of way down to the creek across Scout Road where creek is closest to road. When done with perimeter the surveyors will monument the access point to the creek.**

Good contingent of scouts participated and some will be returning.

Survey will be in GIS coordinate system so any GIS can work. Dave Vogel, area Eagle Scout is GIS expert at Spectra, so down the road this can be explored. Can add GPS coordinate information.

Landlocked parcel should be looked into and asked if they will donate.

### **Spillway Bridge**

**Randy has been building roof trusses. Pursuing I-beams. Butch is working on getting plans for a bridge he built up at Astor Home, that can be used for our bridge. Since elevated structure we will want to get a building permit. Projected timeline: suggest taking off the schedule, as time was lost. Bridge was complained about by the camp inspection, two years in a row.**

Suggest alternate plan of tearing down the bridge and rerouting Red Trail. Jim said that bridge needs to go. Either a new spillway bridge has to be complete by July or nothing at all.

### **Red Trail**

Mike reported we continue to build bridges.

### **Flammables Shed**

Randy, Frank and Kurt started building a 6x6 outbuilding to store all flammable liquids.

A 2x PT deck was built over 2 - 6x6 PT ties. 4 Frames were built that include the walls and roof together. More work on the shed will proceed as we have time. The shed is not going to stay where it is being built, it can be moved to it's final placing when it is finished. We have plenty of lumber for the framing and purlins, we will need to purchase metal for sides and roof and possibly a door (I'm trying to find a free door and lock set).

Stan will ask Randy if he will finish the shed.

### **New Construction Designs**

Mandate that all new construction need engineer approved designs and the VP of Property will rubberstamp everything with an engineer-approved design.

### Website

The Properties Committee can now be accessed at [www.Nooteeming.com/npc/](http://www.Nooteeming.com/npc/). Billy reported the popularity of the web site by sending the graph showing the volume of usage of his site.

Ryan suggested we look into an intranet site to further spur communications. He will discuss this option with Billy.

## **Old Business**

### Orienteering Course

Kurt spoke with SM of Troop 31 about their course. Need to run it by Donna to make sure it will not interfere with summer camp program. Troop 31 has two courses a large one and a small one. Kurt will ask for a layout of the course.

### Ranger's Cabin Porch

Not on the horizon anytime soon.

### Ranger's Cabin CO

Anytime that assembly of structure is changed that assembly has to be brought up to code, which we did when we took off the roof. The rest of the structure is unaffected. Rose from Spectra looked at the roof structure and found that the 2x2 rafters were not sufficient in an 18 ft section of the roof as needed to be 2x6. Trying to determine the cheapest solution, perhaps adding trusses in the attic. This is accessible but will cut into the attic space.

Plan to if can get the 2x4 to be acceptable and then approved by Spectra's engineering department, recommendation on how to proceed can be achieved by April 1. Depending upon construction schedule looking at letter to building inspector by May 1. We already have the building supplies to make the adjustments. Kurt took photos of the attic and will get them to Rose.

### Ranger's Cabin Trimwork

Need to buy trimwork. Daryl will measure the building, **Butch** will order and **Daryl** will pay for it. Trimwork has been waiting for warm weather.

### Catskill Leanto

Butch still has not been paid despite the OA approving payment. Butch wrote out an invoice and gave it to **Jim** who will see that Butch is promptly compensated. Need siding, Butch will finish the work, but council needs to supply the siding. Bill Sr. knows of a mill where we can get rough-cut siding. Jim asked **Butch** to get a list of how much we need, for **Daryl** to purchase.

### Inventory.

Bill is collecting inventory lists from past years so has the history of inventory. Plan to use a magic marker and number every mattress, tent, chair, bunk, etc. Will document inventory with photographs.

Council has asked for our opinion on insurance value on buildings.

Ryan will help Bill Sr. with inventory, documenting manually and then perhaps start making it digitalized at a later date.

### Kiwanis Lodge

Stan Waryas mentioned how the Kiwanis Lodge was completely pine-paneled at once and was sponsored by the Poughkeepsie Kiwanis. Mike will be meeting with Poughkeepsie Kiwanis to discuss renovating the lodge in stages.

### Benedict Memorial

Need to talk to Jacob Toonkel.

### OA Ordeal Work Projects

Need to talk to Jacob Toonkel.

### Roadwork ⊥ Daryl & Randy

Need to buy stone. It was suggested that we call Michael J. DeVito as he was here at summer camp and has access to stone. Randy also has contacts for stone. **Stan** will contact Randy to see what needs to be done. We need to buy stone now before parking lot gets rutted up. Jim says it↑ s in the maintenance budget. As soon as we determine where to buy the stone from the stone can be bought.

### Cars in camp

Talked about putting chain across road near AB to restrict cars from campsites.

### Alumni Association

Stan Warywas thinks its necessary to get this group off the ground ASAP. In doing FOS presentations he has been asking for a show of hands of Nooteming alumni and getting a positive response. With council approval if we get this group off the ground Stan thinks we could solve problems of manpower and money. Stan has contacts at the Beat and Journal to get coverage for a proposed staff reunion. Stan suggest inviting alumni, via the council website and the newsletter, the immediate past staff members and as many other staff members as we can contact. The incentive to attend could be a dedication On that regard, Stan suggested dedicating something to a former staff member, a young man (and I mean young, early 20's) who was killed in Vietnam in the early '60. His name is Rick Trani, Roosevelt High School graduate, a Naval Academy graduate and a Navy Seal. His father was principle of Roosevelt High and the commander of the Naval Reserve establishment in the Hudson Valley. He was a full Captain in the Naval Reserve. Rick served on the waterfront staff at Nooteming for several years. Something dedicated to him might be appropriate. Stan has looked into contacting any family still in the area.

**Stan W.** will write up a proposal and submit it to council for approval.

### Patrol-Sized Cabins

Mike has designs from Ranger in Maine that was given to Butch, Randy and Ralph. There was discussion on whether these plans would be sufficient as they were prepared by a professional Scouter and have been used in many councils as the ranger reported that 25-30 people have requested copies of his original design that he has used in the construction at Camp Roosevelt. Daryl suggested we talk to Nationals↑ engineering school. Maine↑ s ranger said by milling his own lumber it costs \$400 per cabin. Randy quoted \$2,000 retail price but \$500 with donated lumber. Previous committee quote was \$2,500 per cabin.

Considered wearing out of campsites due to constant use like mud due to traffic. Will we need to consider rotating campsites constantly. Could be seen as a disadvantage ⊥ create mud bogs.

### Composting Latrines

Mike showed the Clear Lake designs that were sent to Ralph in January. Probably looking at \$3,000 per seat.

Daryl showed a brochure used in Australia that he received at summer camp.

Right now what we have are vaults ⊥ concrete tubs. Problem is with the waste ⊥ septic problems arise because waste piles stay wet. Composting latrines will stay dry.

Bill Sr. suggested approval will be faster if we replace old latrines before adding new ones. It was noted that Taconic lean-tos already had their latrine removed as there is no current latrine there. Catskill lean-tos also is in need of a new latrine.

Kurt suggested we schedule a field trip to Clear Lake to see their composting latrine. **Daryl and Kurt** will schedule a trip.

## ***New Business***

### Female Shower House

The camping committee asked us to work on the female shower house. Electrical is shot, stall is falling apart, wood is rotting, building is weak. Daryl doesn↑ t think we should tackle this yet before camp, unless

we do one shower stall. Since dining hall showers are completely separate so a female, male and youth could all take a shower at the same time, it was decided not to do anything in this area.

### **Quick Fund**

Eric reported there is approximately 17,600 in the fund and that possibly something in relation to the waterfront would be ideal. Randy has expressed interest in using this money to support a new site with 10 mini-cabins, 2- pavilions and a composting latrine/wash stand. The committee discussed whether the committee should suggest how to spend the money. The committee will propose projects at the April meeting to propose to the board on how to spend the money.

### **Water quality**

Jim mentioned program complaints about the Milfoil weeds at the bottom of the lake. Decay of milfoil upsets quality of water. Considered algae-eating carp, more sand and fountain.

Perhaps pool is the way to go, but where will the funding go. Perhaps also dropping water level to take care of shoreline around the docks and replace with beach sand.

**Daryl** will get Craig Vogel from Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation up here to inspect the water and see what we should do.

Storage Trailers: Kurt can get them for a decent price; do we want them for storage? Yes, we need storage space but we don't want an eyesore. **Kurt** will take pictures for the April meeting so we can review them.

Garbage containers † we can get 200 lb. Garbage containers free. Do we want them? No.

Speed bumps: Bullowa could use some speed bumps; we have access to a good source. We will get them some

Septic Tank: Daryl asked when the septic tanks were last pumped. Bill Sr. said the rental cabins septic tanks were pumped within the last five years. Ask Hopewell Septic † they were the ones that did it.

Congratulated Daryl on completing Ranger School.

Meeting closed at: 10:08

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2005. 7:00 pm Baden Powell Lodge**