

Nooteeming Property Committee
October 7, 2004

In Attendance

Butch Kidney
Frank Sforza
Randy Wacker
Darryl Bucknor
Kurt Strollmeyer
Mike Kelsey

PROJECT REPORTS

- Camp wide
 - Baden Powell has carpenter ants problem. Kurt's friend Mike will come over for free to remedy on 10/8.
 - Considered staining floor in Baden Powell. While needed, no consensus was reached on when this should be completed.
 - Tents are still up as it rained on the OA ordeal. Darryl will ask Jim to contact roundtables to ask units to volunteer for a service project.
 - Latrine at waterfront needs new coat of stain or finish. Added to April OA ordeal project list.
 - Need shed for gasoline, can't be in the same building as per national inspection. Shed added to wish list. Gasoline will temporarily be placed in old trading post.
 - Breaker goes when washer and dryer run simultaneously. Frank will look into it on Monday 10/11.
 - Dump truck is at shop getting fixed – brakes and power steering.
 - Another load of woodchips being delivered this week.
 - New bunks delivered – donated by SEEMA. Use of bunk ladders were considered and decided to just place them in storage as the time spent cutting them to size is a low priority.
 - SEEMA also has lockers and shelving available. Committee decided we have need for the lockers to keep squirrels out of craft items in Blodgett and/or to store paint, etc.
 - Gynecologist Table in Health Lodge (left over from joint-venture days with the Girl Scouts) is not needed. Decided to place it on EBAY and see if it couldn't generate some income.
 - Need was mentioned for a female bathroom at the dining hall. Considered possibility of one day building a second dining hall latrine. In the meantime it was determined that women should have access to the dining hall's flush toilet.

- Taconic Lean-tos

- Troop 82, who adopted Taconic Lean-tos and have made many improvements is waiting on the committee to provide plans for the construction of a latrine there. Randy will contact campground from his summer vacation for plans for composting toilets as seen on his vacation. Kurt will contact DEC and Board of Health.
- Ranger's Cabin
 - As the first building in camp the ranger's cabin makes for a good presentation and the work on it has slowed. Agreed work should be completed before winter.
 - Basement has been rewired. Frank is working on completely rewiring building.
 - Trim work is needed to keep critters and bugs out and protect the council's investment of 2002-2003 renovation. Butch Kidney agreed to do the work if we get him the materials. Trim work estimate: \$500 quote for soppnets. Darryl will ask council for it. Must stain first.
 - The stain color for Ranger's Cabin was selected. As the cabin must be stained before the trim work can be complete staining is a top priority. The exterior should be scrubbed down before being stained. Darryl will oversee the stain project.
 - The Ranger Cabin's porch is still needed as previous wood is rotting. At OA weekend Chris Mason asked about needed lumber at the camp. Darryl will contact her to determine if lumber is available for the porch.
 - Certificate of Occupancy. The ranger's cabin needs to be checked out by the town building inspector (Roger Lee). Before this can be done a licensed professional engineer needs to talk to Roger Lee and have registered architect sign off on the building that it meets the code (code review and certification) at time the building was made. It was noted that building inspector is getting tired of talking to Scout people and has made it known he will only talk to a licensed professional engineer. Kurt will ask his office to send a proposal to council to have the LPE sign off on the building.
- Red Trail
 - One bridge has already been built nearest to the lake and the trail has been opened up around the lake.
 - Lumber has been donated for two more bridges including a 40-foot bridge. Lumber for both has already been carried in and all that is needed are days scheduled to build them. Randy agreed to plan workdays to build both bridges. The construction of both bridges was judged priorities before the onset of winter. Randy Wacker donated the lumber for the two 20-foot bridges to the camp. The lumber for the 40-foot bridge was donated by Stan Brown
 - Lumber for the eventual six other bridges are still needed. The committee has added to our wish list: enough lumber to build these. Needed: 2x lumber, at least 36 inches long.

- Spillway bridge is a priority. Will need to replace the bridge at the spillway as national complained of it at their last inspection. An estimate of \$5,000 for a covered bridge was posited. The concept of a suspension bridge was considered.
- Administration Building
 - It was noted that the AB chimney needs to be pointed (mortar between stone resealed). Dave Dean should be asked to take a look at it.
 - The AB roof will need to be replaced soon. The committee agreed to add it to their 2004-2005 work plan tentatively for the spring or summer 2005. Cost estimated at \$8-10K. Agreed that work on the AB cabin should not commence until after the ranger's cabin is completely finished.
 - There are a number of dead trees around the AB as well as in other areas of camp that pose safety hazards. It was noted that the Board of health wants all the dead trees cut down, and it was suggested the committee should work out a plan to begin systematically cutting down dead trees and perhaps salvaging any wood into lumber for building projects. It was reviewed that all tree-cutting projects must go through Darryl Bucknor and that no trees should be marked or identified in any way as being hazards prior to cutting.
- Catskill Lean-tos
 - It was determined that the Catskill Lean-to project was a joint effort between the Order of the Arrow and Brad Jorrey. The OA has agreed to finish the unfinished fifth Catskill lean-to. The committee will first contact Brad Jorrey to determine if he is abandoning the project. The completion of the fifth lean-to is a priority before winter.
- Rifle Range
 - Bleachers were built on the OA ordeal leaving \$2700 of 2002's NRA grant that must still be spent. Plans are to build a back roof on the retaining wall, and a coil stack on sidewall. Leftover money will put towards purchasing 6x6 to work on side. Randy will buy materials ASAP. Completing the roof before winter is preferable but considering other work projects completion before winter is questionable.
 - The inner pillars of the retaining wall installed in 2002 are leaning inward. Randy Wacker will contact Walter Hatch at Verizon to ask him to attach cables to the inside pillars as a safety measure to prevent them from falling.

ADMINISTRATION

- Projects Portfolio

- The committee is seeking photographs and details on all work projects performed at the camp to compile an ongoing portfolio to be used in seeking donations and grants.

- Resources

- The committee is building a Resource Survey binder that keeps track of available human resources, their skills, and available machinery/tools. A draft form of these resource surveys was distributed, discussed and accepted (file attached). These will be distributed at the Haunted Harvest Fest, Eagle Reunion and made available at camp and council functions.
- A binder of area contractors and service providers was discussed as well and noted that it would be easy to create this using the phonebook as a guide.

- Electrical Manual

- Frank volunteered to begin marking all power poles in the camp with the intent of determining the source, strength and direction of electrical current and producing a manual on the camp's electric system. Once marked consultation with committee member Mike Englishby from Central Hudson could make this easily ascertainable.

- Maps

- It was noted that the camp lacks decent maps in three major areas:
 - (1) An artistic rendering of the camp to assist visiting units and showcase the camp's camping and program areas.
 - (2) Topographical maps for orienteering use.
 - (3) Surveyed map to facilitate planning and construction projects.
- Of the three the accurate surveyed map drawn to scale was judged the priority as it is a pre-requisite for all building permits and will be needed to determine managing environmental issues like runoff and drainage.
- Kurt submitted quote he received for conducting a boundary survey and topographical survey. Boundary survey = \$10K. Aerial photo = \$9K.
- Mike mentioned how a Pleasant Valley Eagle Scout and former Nooteming Camp Staff member, Adam Bauer is currently working in this field in Texas and that he contacted Adam with respects to developing a map for Nooteming. Adam was enthusiastic but it is undetermined if the product he can produce will meet the camp's needs. Kurt suggested soliciting surveyors to create surveyor points and a convenience flight to take aerial shots as a Scouting donation and then seeing if Adam could use these photos to create a topo-based map. If so Kurt could then take Adam's map to create a topographical map that would meet the committee's needs. The committee determined to look into this option and further and ascertain if it could work. If not the committee reached a consensus that it would need ask council to pay for a camp map to be made as no future construction can take place without it.

VISION

The committee was unanimous in its opinion that the camp needs to develop long-range plans to guide it and move in a direction that looks beyond the immediate needs of the camp. It was noted that the camp lost points in its accreditation this summer for failing to have developed a long-range plan.

- Long-Range Vision for the Camp
 - Mike distributed a proposal for the camp's vision encompassing all the various ideas and needs discussed over the past few years by committee members and units. The proposed vision is a compilation of possibilities that the Camp Nooteeing facility could provide and that would be in keeping with the Scouting program. The vision is designed as a one-day plan of activities and structures offered at the camp meant to guide the committee in its planning and council in its delivery of program. It is not intended to offer specifics of location or origin of funding for the projects -- these will come at later dates in the planning process.
 - The proposed vision will need to be ratified by the Hudson Valley Council.
 - After the vision is approved by council and the maps of the camp are created the committee plans to map out each program idea/building to create an illustrated map detailing the camp's potential laying out the vision in a highly visible medium. It was noted the last time this was done at Camp Nooteeing was 1942.

- Five-Year Plan
 - The consensus of the committee was that the committee need develop a five-year plan.
 - A plan for 2004-2005 was distributed by Mike and after discussion and several edits it was passed.
 - The previously discussed idea of adding flush toilets to the camp's latrine was abandoned as each requiring septic tanks it was judged too expensive for current resources.
 - Plans to rebuild the administration building's roof were added.
 - Committee members were asked to bring ideas/proposals to the next meeting for a realistic agenda for 2005-2009.
 - The committee agreed that it should focus its attention on two major projects during this five-year plan and will be proposing both to council for approval, the first pertaining to infrastructure, the other to program:
 - Regarding infrastructure the committee pinpointed the camp's parking problem as most in need of attention and will look to council for it's funding. Kurt will look into developing a strategy to achieve this end.
 - Regarding program, the committee considers a rock climbing wall/rappelling tower and accompanying C.O.P.E. courses to be the best means of revitalizing program at Camp Nooteeing

particularly among older boys. Funding for this project will be sought from the community and in-council units. Mike reported that he had been in touch with other camps who built these program and the successes they had with increased camping and revenue, not to mention a successful campaign in having all building materials and labor donated. Blueprints of their climbing wall are being shared. Mike will continue to develop this project.

PROGRAM & FUNDRAISING

- Indian Village
 - Mike reported that the Order of the Arrow was approached about the prospect of building a permanent Indian Village at Camp Nootemeing. The proposed village would include wigwams and longhouses and whatever authentic structure the OA wished to add in keeping with their focus on Indian lore. The committee approved of the idea and Mike will follow up with the OA to see if they will officially assume this ongoing project.
- Gateway Contest
 - The committee considered enticing the spring camporee program people to offer a gateway making contest for each campsite with the idea that the lashed together gateways would remain at least for the duration of summer camp and give the camp more of a Scout Skills ambiance.
- Merit Badge Extravaganza???
- The committee looked into the prospect of offering a one-day, camp wide merit badge seminar with merit badge offerings including summer camp merit badges like rifle shooting, swimming and canoeing. The goal would two-fold: generating revenue for future camp projects and helping to distill the notion that Camp Nootemeing only offers a Cub Scout program.
- Donations
 - Frank noted that the committee is still in need of an official letter from council giving it permission to seek donations to the camp and designating a council/committee contact person as required by some businesses including Lowes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Old Trading Post
 - The committee considered the fate of the Old Trading Post (not to be confused with Kiwanis) and noted its dilapidated condition. It was decided to table this issue for a future meeting to determine if it was worth fixing? In the meantime it will be used to house the camp's gasoline and Frank will inspect its electrical system.

- **Haunted Harvest Fest**
 - Randy noted that the Haunted Harvest Fest is scheduled for October 30 and reviewed their requests for camp arrangement.

- **Next Meeting**
 - After the first Thursday posed a problem for some committee members the committee decided to try out meeting on the first Sunday. Next meeting: Sunday, November 7, 2004 at 7 p.m.