

Eagle Committee Meeting Notes

11/14/13, 6 pm, Hampton Inn, Matamoras, PA

Present:

Sue Currier, Patricia Diness, Sean McGuinness, Lori McKean, Kate Mitchell, Joel Murphy, Ken Myett, Mitchell Opresnick, Brad Orey, Nicole Slevin, Chair

Meeting called to order 6:15 pm by Nicole Slevin, Chairing

Kate Mitchell taking notes to send **Nicole for editing & distributing**

Timekeeper – Brad Orey

Conflict of Interest Policy

Sue Currier debriefed committee members about the Conflict of Interest & Ethics Policy and that it has not changed since they signed a year ago. Informed that it will be emailed to them and committee members need to disclose any conflicts and maintain confidentiality going forward. General discussion followed.

Funding

Grants approved from American Eagle Foundation: \$8500

and O&R: \$5000

Paperwork being processed for Sullivan County 2013.

Sullivan County, NY Legislature Presentation (Econ Dev Com) Dec 5 for 2014 request

Lori Patricia and Kate attending.

General discussion of cause-related marketing and Patagonia request for 2014-15: Up to \$12,000 (**Sean** knows Yvonne Chouinard) though Patagonia does not typically fund land protection. **Nicole suggests partnering** with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

There's a need for evident connection of eagles to human habitat; Conservancy member property holding nests and ideal habitat.

Restricted \$ Subcommittee: Chair Lori, Ken, Joel, Don Hamilton

Will be meeting with the Land Protection Committee in 2 weeks

General discussion to make \$150,000 work as seed money towards more funding (matching from foundations & individuals)

Needs report from Don Hamilton to identify properties and priorities; get input from NPS/DEC

Window for fundraising 6 months – 12 months once property selected.

Possible press release to public about search for appropriate properties to protect.

Field Office

Move-in is Saturday, 11/23/13 @ 10 am – Sue, Kate, Lori, Ed, Mitch, Nicole attending.

Internet and phone connected – same number 570-685-5960

\$1000 worth of effort already accomplished: painting, wallpaper, couch & fridge removed, kitchen floor ripped up by NPS as it was rotten linoleum & being replaced.

Progress & work needed: everything cleaned – kitchen, floors, rugs. Need fridge.

Engaging exhibits/ displays will be mounted -- hopefully by training day Dec. 7.

Sean agreed to look into bluestone sidewalk across mud. Radiator covers made by Don. Conservancy will cover the cost.

Nest will go in grass where sign is. Sandwich board on inaccessible part of porch.

Eagle Volunteer Training & Tours

12 new volunteers. Press release went out this week. May get more volunteers than slots.

Brad group at mongaup and Mitch at Lackawaxen for field visit training. Office should be open before and after training so everyone gets chance to see new space.

Patricia: New Location at **Ten Mile River**. General discussion of expanding to Ten Mile River.

NEED NEW Equipment? At least one more scope and 2 or more tripods.

Sean will see if NPS can supply booth/cart (Coffee truck from Minisink) and check if NPS can run plow through Ten Mile River road for snow.

Port-O-John needed (**DEC**). Maybe blind for 2014-15.

Good to get baseline data for first monitoring season.

Not on current map – needs to be promoted verbally to visitors at other sites.

Signage: eagle watch metal sign on the post of NPS ten mile sign. **NPS** will hang. 6 mi from office.

Better communication wanted about where the eagles are; posting on Facebook.

Pat Visserring happy to move blind at Plank Rd.

No time for ECC meeting after training.

If enough volunteers, can open office Friday, Mondays, and holidays.

Send first aid kit with volunteers?

Eagle “Festival” Event

Event Subcommittee: Kate, Mitch, Ken, & Ingrid

Bill Streeter is available 2/1/, 2/15, 2/22

Discussion to have Streeter in the morning and a bus tour in the afternoon.

Have **Narrowsburg** organize a between times activity. Show video. **NPS** provide some science booth activity. Light refreshments. No nest building because of snow. **Need event agenda.**

Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC move blind to Rio Quarry-- Kate call Pat Visserring about Rio blind, parking, property. Move before viewing begins? Where to put volunteers & cars. Port-O-John location; grading.

Lori to get plowing quotes. **Kate** will remind Lori & Pat. New forms for volunteers to sign.

National Park Service

Ed activities from Narrowsburg field office for Lackawaxen kids’ area. **Kate** will talk to Ingrid.

Education

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan Youth Citizen Science Tour Jan. 11 (snow date 12) National Mid-Winter Count CCE and 4-H being promoted. **Patricia** will simplify form and map for participants. Field office volunteers can compile data on behalf of Conservancy/CCE.

Lori will find out who is doing the Mid-Winter Count at DEC.. **Bethany** can promote with info from **Nicole**.

Marketing

Scarves given with donations of \$25 membership.

Hotels want eagle promotion cards. **Conservancy** will send out.

Other

General discussion of needs of ECC and getting new members Need SC Audubon & DEC rep).

Next meeting:

Dec 12, 2013 6 pm, Matamoras

For 2014, June or July meeting should be the next year’s budget brainstorming to report to BOD.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm
