**Spruce Creek Recreation Association**

**Annual Meeting July 30, 2022**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Becky and Tom Wynne, Melinda Snover, Wayne Snover and Jan Tebbel,  
Connie Russell Thomas and Garry Thomas, Betty Ann and Bruce Jansson, Christine, Alix, and Lena Piven, Martha and Harlan Rosacker, Kathy Malone, Jim Malone, Nancy Braund Baruch, Hunter, Basha and Ruth McCorkel Smolen, Charlotte and Remi McCorkel, Jacquie Dragon, Casey Garhart, Bish and Skip Wolf, Tom and Fran Day, Mary Lou Rozdilsky, Liz Dean and Jim McCorkel, Andy Day, Erinn Wynne

The meeting was facilitated by Becky Wynne.

**Welcome (Becky)**

* Moment of Silence in memory of those not here and in appreciation of the land
* Passed around phone/email lists to be updated
* Introductions - New officers (3-year term): Christine P, Mario R, Melinda S, Casey G
* Everyone introduced themselves and explained their connection to the Tree Farm.

**Approval of 2021 SCRA Annual Meeting minutes**

* Charlotte McCorkel gave a summary of the minutes
* Motion to approve by Mary Lou Rozdilsky, seconded by Betty Ann Jansson

**Miscellaneous Business**

* Getting deliveries (Becky)
* Having deliveries sent to General Delivery can confuse delivery services such as UPS. It can be better to use the Post Office’s address if you want to have General Delivery sent there.
* Delivery services are getting better at finding the lane and cabin addresses. Google maps will take you to the bottom of the lane. Apple Maps is better.
* If you see something; do something.
  + Put it on the notice board in the Common Room if you see something you can’t take care of.

**Old Business**

* Common Room maintenance (Becky):
  + If you want to get rid of something, just get rid of it. Don’t bring it to the Common Room. The Common Room gets too cluttered.
  + There are items on a table next to the fridge that you can take.
* Pool (Becky):
  + Pool looks good now. If there’s an issue, contact Melinda. She will be official contact with Greenwood.
  + There’s a log in the pool house. Log what you do to the pool so people know.
  + We should be using test strips daily. If something seems out of whack, let someone know.
  + Charlotte suggested Melinda leave her phone number in the pool house.

**New Business**

* Treasurer’s report (Nancy B/Melinda):
  + Copies of the report will be mailed out. Some copies were passed around.
  + Dues that were collected this week are not reflected in the report. With these incoming dues, we should finish the year in the black. We usually start year close to zero, so it helps when members pay dues early in the year.
  + We will not raise dues this year, but encourage people who are able to help with expenses such as the pool, wifi, etc.
  + Capital expenses this year included a new washing machine, a new water heater in Commons, and the AED.
  + We spent all of the Covid funds last year
  + We had previously raised money for a caretaker, which we used with Craig Cherry this year.
  + A lot of people buy things and ask to be reimbursed, so we don’t always have the warranties. If you get reimbursed, make sure that we have all the paperwork.
  + If anything needs payment, Melinda is now the primary contact as Treasurer.
* Infrastructure Report (Connie, Harlan, BettyAnn, Charlotte):
  + We have a new water heater in the Commo Rooms and a new washing machine.
  + Chris Bourne checks on the cabins in the winter. When he sees a problem he texts Betty Ann and they have always been able to resolve problems. Chris works in exchange for firewood. This year Jim Brown also called to see if he could get some firewood.
  + The road is still OK.
  + Wayne is helping to cut the meadow. We need to figure out how to help him with gas and maintenance of the mower.
  + Craig turns the water on and off at the main pump house. He’s willing to turn on water for individual cabins for a small fee.
  + Still outstanding: Seth Hoffman at Camp Kanesatake keeps calling people to make a plan about the hunting. He feels people get on the camp property. Betty Ann said she is not sure how to deal with him. Not answering phone probably isn’t best. Kathy Malone explained that they do use the camp during the hunting season.
  + We need to have new roofs on the Common Room and Bath House. Tom Day asked if we were getting estimates. Craig took measurements. Betty Ann suggested we get an estimate from a roofing company. Craig suggested not getting a metal roof.
  + It was mentioned that the Infrastructure Committee members are almost all over 80. New members are needed.
* Trust report (Mary Lou, Hunter, Betty Ann):
  + There have been almost no changes to the covenant. 7 years instead of 5. If there are any differences between covenant and lease, the covenant takes precedence.
  + Cabin holders need to sign the covenant today. There have been only three minor changes. It is for 7 years now, not 5. We incorporated the amendment to the Tree Farm Covenant of Lease into the preamble so it is no longer a separate document. If there is ever conflict between the covenant and the easement, the easement takes precedent. Hunter replaced Jim McCorkel and we updated the officers.
  + Calvin Norman from Penn state Extension came over with Suzy Yetter from Clearwater Conservancy to talk about Hemlock disease and give us advice.
  + Hemlock Woolly adelgid (HWA), scale (on hemlocks and other trees), gypsy moths (oaks)
  + Calvin said that we will have to take interventions to support the forest. If we don’t use pesticides on the hemlocks we will lose most of them. We need to start with the trees down by the spring because it is a fragile eco system. We should also save the ones by our cabins. All the hemlocks on the road by the spring are on an angle and will come down in about 5 years and fall across the road. Calvin is interested it doing a workshop for us. We will need to make decisions about costs. An article about interventions will be put on our website. If you treat a tree you are buying time until more effective ways to treat the disease come along. Our forest can’t regenerate itself any more without intervention. (disease, deer browsing, invasives, and climate change)
  + Charlotte said it sounded like something we did 5 or 6 years ago.
  + Mary Lou said that we can now put tablets around the trees and that Calvin said it was very safe. Betty Ann added that some of the chemicals would be free because we could have the leftovers from Calvin’s workshop. It seems that the decision is between using pesticides and losing trees. People should give their feedback to the McCorkel family. Invasives were also discussed and Calvin said it was good to get rid of multi-flora rose and privet when it is small and just tear it out. Pictures of invasives will be posted on the website.
  + Betty Ann brought up the possibility of carbon sequestration, where you get paid to not cut your woods. Amount of money we would get would be low. The Trust felt they weren’t ready to do that unless we used the money to deal with pests. They haven’t found a plan they are comfortable with.
  + Calvin said we might be able to do some selective harvests to earn money. We could cut down trees now that will fall down soon.
  + In October, Hunter and Susie Yoder will do a 6-hour walk of the property.
  + Deer are killing the forest’s undergrowth and it would be good to cut down the population. Finding a way to bring in more hunters was discussed. Ferns are also a problem because they crowd out other plants, and deer don’t eat ferns.
  + People should talk to Mary Lou if you have questions.
  + Connie wondered what our neighbors do and suggested we should talk to them.
* Health and Safety (Becky, Charlotte, Mary Lou)
  + Becky sent a water sample to State College but hasn’t gotten test results yet.
  + Becky identified health and safety items in the common room. These included: First aid kit, Bin under the phone with first aid kit, stethoscope and blood pressure cuff, Benadryl, alcohol, envelopes with people’s medical information in case of emergency.
  + People are urged to write down their medical information and seal it in an envelope so that in case of an emergency we will know what medications you take, your medical history, insurance, who to contact in an emergency, etc. The envelopes will only be opened in case of emergency. Forms are available to guide you on what sort of information to write down.
  + Becky and Charlotte discussed the use of the AED. It is set up to be used by people who don’t know what they are doing. When you open it, and it tells you what to do. It also has illustrations and a book came with it. Charlotte is going to find a video we can watch and will send out link. It can take a while for an ambulance to get here. Use the AED if you think someone might be having a heart event. It will assess the person and will only shock if it is appropriate to shock the person. You can continue to do CPR while this particular AED checks for a heartbeat. Charlotte: Call 911 right away and let them know you have an AED. Tom Wynne: If you don’t want to be resuscitated, you need to wear a bracelet. We need to take the AED home during the winter to preserve the battery.
  + Mary Lou brought up the possibility of having a health and safety committee. The committee might be responsible for:
    - Safety bars in the showers and maybe in the stalls
    - Keeping the fence around the pool in good shape
    - Safe, lighted paths
    - Taking water to Penn State for testing every year

In order to facilitate the arrival of emergency vehicles, it was suggested that people improve the signage for their cabins. If you are having an emergency, send someone to the bottom of the lane to meet the ambulance.

The new health and safety committee is: Casey, Hunter, Kathy M. and Tom Day. Either Mary Lou or Hunter will convene the meeting. If you have concerns, you can talk with any of them or with Becky or Mary Lou.

* Website (Becky):
  + The website contains minutes, documents, calendar, link to photos, etc. (Thank you, Basha!)
  + There is a blog section of the website to tell your stories.
  + If you have questions, talk to Basha.
* Pool:
  + We had some bumps in the road this year while figuring out what Greenwood is doing and what we are supposed to do. We need to do vacuuming and skimming.
  + Melinda will work to smooth out issues with Greenwood.
* Trash:
  + We have had some trouble with trash pickup this summer, in part because Burgmeiers are short on staff. (Nancy)
  + Trash pickup is Monday morning. If you can wait to toss trash until Tuesday this week, wait. Non-stinky trash should go next to the dumpster. (Becky)
* The black snake: (Liz)
  + The black snake is well and healthy.
  + (Note from Casey: It checked out the completion of our sleeping annex in July.)

**Pass the chair to Christine**

**Future dates discussion (Christine):**

* Fall work weekend (Oct 8-10): (throw out all old shampoo bottles, close common room, raking, burning brush?)
* Next year’s annual meeting: July 29, 2023
* Potluck tonight at 6:30!
* Meeting Sunday at 10:30 am (time changed by Garry so he can watch a football match tomorrow at noon.)
* Close