



THE CAMP MATTATUCK VOLUNTEERS

Connecticut Rivers Council
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 257, Plymouth, CT 06782-0257



ANNUAL MEETING

Jan.23, 2022

MINUTES

0. Attendees:

Pat Sheridan, Chairman	Matthew Gereg
Rob Reed, Treasurer	Robert Start
Vin Pietrorazio, Secretary	Joe Gannon
Jeromy Nelson, Director	John Leary
Pat Malin, Ranger	John Begina
Noah Cross	Rich Bingham
Chris Moon	Allan Dodge
Pete Gati	Joe LeClair
Zach Gati	Charles Doback
Bob Anoruk	Chris Start
Melissa Miller	Michael Cocchiola
Brian Shannon	Gabe Rinaldi
Alan Chartier	Jenifer Watkins

On-line:

Steven Smith
Bob Peoples

Totals: 27 in person with 8 on-line

1. Call to Order & Welcome [Pat Sheridan]
 - Meeting was called to order @ 2:05pm.
 - 2021 more difficult than 2020
 - Thank you for contributing to Mattatuck Volunteers
 - Reopening challenges
 - Very good year for Mattatuck Volunteers
 - Raised more money than 2020
 - Camp Season extended - impacts logisticsInitial Questions to the Group
Steven Smith joined online
 - "Thank you to the group for financial support."
 - "Thank you for Projects."
2. Position Changes [Jeromy Nelson]
 - Secretary: Jenifer Watkins in for Vin Pietrorazio
 - Vice Chairman: Peter Gati in for Erik DayElection of Officers [Noah Cross as Nominating Chair]
Nominations from the Committee
 - * Publicity: Ethan Meskill
 - * Treasurer: Rob Reed
 - No other nominations were received from the floor
 - Partial slate of officers was elected unanimously by block vote.

3. Treasury Report [Rob Reed]:
- See report annexed to these minutes
 - Highlights:

Account Balance @ 12/31/21:		\$ 52.8k
Income:		
Donations	21.8k	
Big Joe's Jog	<u>0.6k</u>	
Total:		22.4k
Expenses since 1/1/2021:		
Summer Salary support	(5.0k)	
Kitchen Equipment	(2.7k)	
Scholarships	(2.5k)	
Projects:		
Drones	(1.2k)	
Sailboat Building	(3.0k)	
Handling Containers	(3.0k)	
All other	(2.5k)	
Total		<u>(15.0k)</u>
Account Balance @ 12/31/2021		\$ 60.2k
Accrued Expenses		
2020 & 2021 Scholarships Payable (see listing)	(1.5k)	
Total:		<u>(21.5k)</u>
Total:		(23.0k)
With outstanding \$2k for 2022 Scholarships Payable Removed - Adjusted Balance		\$ 35.2k

4. 2021 Program & Project review [Jeromy Nelson]
- Very Good Summer Season
 - STEM at Leever should expand but not a full state grant
 - 300 STEM Kids from surrounding school districts
 - Region 15, Naugatuck and Thomaston
 - Possibly Plymouth this coming year
 - Kids pay something this coming year & transportation
 - Hollowed Harvest
 - Mixed reviews
 - Income and exposed people to property
 - Mattatuck Volunteers sold hot chocolate & apple cider
 - Fall Camp - Very successful - at capacity
 - Winter Camp - 100+ in person, 50-60 online
 - 50 Christmas Trees sold with payment to CRC
 - May offer next year for troops to do service project in morning
 - to plan trees in lot and COPE or Climbing program in afternoon
 - with Volunteers providing funds expenditure for purchasing of the trees.
 - 1st Day Hikes - successful
- 2022 Summer Camp
CRC Camping Kickoff on Thursday 1/27/22
- New Items:
- 80 Merit Badges
 - Rolling Meals & Rolling Lunch Block
 - Parent's Night on Friday
 - Some Troops from farther away left that night.
 - Sunday Check-ins - Rolling
 - Leadership & COPE Program - Evening Program
- Questions: Joe LeClair: Feedback on STEM from Scout Troops? No,

Trash around camp just as much as from scouts. Where they eat lunch will be looked at.

Trailers for Hollowed Harvest-We will store materials here, including trailers.

5. 2022 Program & Project Plans

- 4 Planned Work Dates 10AM-4PM tentatively
 - 3/19, 5/28, 9/11 & 11/26/22 - Allan Dodge to lead
 - People/Project with running list of stuff
 - List of skills you want to learn
- 1st Day Hikes
- Family Night BBQ
- Sell Hot Dogs in parking lot on check-in summer camp days
- Christmas Tree Farm - maintenance & plant, sell; sit, peaceful day
- Hollowed Harvest-serving hot cider & hot chocolate

- Christmas Light event - need more time beforehand & more lights
 - need lead person for this
 - 15 minute drive around for donation
 - opportunity to see the property

Feedback: John Leary: If we can't do it right, we shouldn't do it at all.

Outreach to individuals for commitments re: work days/projects.

Michael Cocchiola: Desire to get an agenda two weeks prior to work date.

Allan Dodge: Will have a running list of projects.

Joel LeClair: Yes, individual contacts work. Personal ask.

Jeromy Nelson - 6 Larger Ongoing Projects

- Sailboat storage building update
- Blacksmith pavilion extension - applied for a grant to cover
- Metal Roofs for Pershing Cabin & Hawthorn Latrine - purchased
- Metal Sheds (2) outside - purchased:
 - Leever - STEM storage &
 - Waterfront - individual changing station stalls in summer/storage in winter
- Family Camping Area - Chris Start & Chris Moon
 - 5 cabins purchased in back of Hess cabin
 - 1 cabin & 1-2 2-man tents per each family site with fire ring

6. Gala: 11/19/22 at the Crystal Room, 98 School Street, Naugatuck

- Goal: get people back together and celebrate
- Promote the dinner
- Looking for people on the Committee

7. Publicity: Ethan Meskill

- Facebook Events on Main Camp Page
- Build media library
- Website upgrades
- Taking more photos; projects & progression

"Thank you" to Joe LeClair for posting photos on Facebook

Brian Shannon: post real announcements on physical bulletin boards (versus electronic ones)

Michael Cocchiola: Instagram? Snapchat? Twitter? TikTok? during summer

John Leary: COVID caused a lot of changes

- People can "sponsor" a camp area - via a website

- Ownership or "shepard" concept
- Fixing "neglect" through "sponsorship"

Michael Cocchiola: "Shepard" as a position - chairman?

Brian Shannon/Joe LeClair: OA Multiple camps=1 ordeal per year

Vin Pietrorazio: Advancement service hours

Jeromy Nelson: Used boats in November!

- Balancing act for Now

Brian Shannon: We have not had a Mattatuck Volunteer/OA combined event

- Camp Chief has to organize it.
- Tie in Advancement service projects to engage more troops at camp (exception Eagle)

Jenifer Watkins: TikTok=Webelos +, Snapchat=Teens

8. Scholarship Update:

- Pete Gati - Scholarship Committee
- Matt Beres, Jacob Gannon, Arlo Hatch
- 2021 Winner - David Fitzgerald
- 8 applicants this past year (range 1-12)
- 6 recipients completed 4 year cycle

Joe Gannon: Camp has benefitted from program

- Vast majority of recipients stay on at camp
- Possible increase in amount of \$500?
- Staff best asset because interact with scouts

YPT Discussion

Vin Pietrorazio: Quoted By-Laws

Joe LeClair: Campmaster Program: Is it dead? No, 2, check in & out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenifer Watkins, Secretary