



Eagle Conservation & Education Committee Meeting Notes
2/4/15 – 6 pm, Via Phone Conference

Present:

Sue Currier, Stephen Davis, Patricia Diness, Simon Knox, Lori McKean, Joel Murphy, Ken Myett, Mitchell Opresnick, Brad Orey, Ingrid Peterec, Nicole Slevin, Patricia Vissering

- **Chair/ Time-Keeper/ Note-taker:** Nicole
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Meeting began at 6:05 pm

Eagle Watch & Season Update

- **Social media & new marketing tools**
Need to push implementation, become comfortable ourselves with new procedures. **Staff and Nicole** will visit with volunteers at Visitor Center office to check in. Any tech assistance can be sought through **Nicole**.
Simon will bring more stickers, cards, and maps to Visitor's Center. Patricia should send an email to Eagle Watch volunteers to push new procedures. **Jamie** can take materials to blinds and buses. There has been a learning curve with new QR code for donations; so far little or no response.
- **Bus tours**
Jan - sold out. Upcoming two events are half full.
All must spread the word!

Feb 14 - Tusten theatre, crowd control needed for handouts, taking donations. Carol will be concentrating on music so help is appreciated.
Narrowsburg starts 3-6 pm. Help needed at beginning or midday coverage at the Visitor's Center when bus rolls through.
Ken offered to help.
- **Educational materials**
Still pending approval. Mongaup & Rio DEC blinds.
Barbara Yeaman Eagle Observation Blind. **Carol** is busy getting specs drawn up by sign maker. Will be sent out for review by **staff**.
- **Snow removal**
No complaints thus far. DEC taking good care of last storm.
Impassable down to river at Ten Mile River. Keep an eye on it going forward. No parking except on road. May not be a good spot, not much traffic. Possibly seasonal. Road is always open because of the houses. Eagle activity there is good. Staff can raise with **NPS** for a little more coverage.

Funding

- **TAG grant report**
Nicole, and possibly Lori, will help to write the narrative and work with **Simon** who will produce budget numbers.
Staff and Nicole will meet to discuss second part of original grant to put together a monitor program. Report will reflect work on web page, cards with new QR code, stickers, and brochure materials.
- **Eagle Nest Viewing Web Page:** <http://delawarehighlands.org/eagles/eaglewatching/eagle-nests>



Eagle Forum

- **Discussion of existing issues**
Slow activity, same group of people continuously, people are upset and **Stephen and Lori** are for removing it. Posts are saying to resurrect site elsewhere.
- **Interest in new forum**
There is no staff for this initiative.
There must be a webmaster who can remove the forum (**Staff** to check with Lori on thoughts).
Brad- confirmed via email.

Visitor's Center – NPS

Blue stone for walkway still needed. Ground is too frozen to install.
Two temporary steps replaced.

Other

Benefit to help rebuild the Delaware Valley Raptor Center from a fire in early January will occur on February 20th.

Events

- ✓ ECEC Meeting | Mar 4
- ✓ Eagle Bus Tour | Feb 7
- ✓ Memorial Eagle Bus Tour | Feb 14- **HELP NEEDED**
- ✓ Little Sparrow & The Eagles | Feb 14- **HELP NEEDED**
- ✓ Eagle Watch Volunteer Thanks Brunch | Apr 11
- ✓ ECEC Meeting | May 6
- ✓ ECEC Meeting | July 1
- ✓ ECEC Meeting | Sept 2
- ✓ ECEC Meeting | Nov 4
- ✓ ECEC Meeting | Jan 6

Adjourn 6:50 pm.