



Eagle Conservation & Education Committee Meeting Notes

9/2/15, 6 pm | Hampton Inn, Matamoras, PA

Present:

Nicole Slevin-Chair, Ken Myett, Ingrid Peterec (NPS), Anya Shaunessy (NPS), Lori McKean,
Patricia Diness, Brad Orey
Note-taker – Simon Knox

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm by Nicole.

Grants

TAG Grant:

The UDC TAG Grant was closed out in July 2015.

New grants opportunities were discussed and listed below:

RGK Foundation.org

Mark Ruffalo

Transportation grant – 4th grade program

Eagle and Education Events

Requests to speak

The Conservancy had been contacted and was requested to present an eagle program at the Catskill Exotic Bird Club. The committee discussed our ability to respond to such requests and agreed that without dedicated personnel, the Conservancy would not be able to take on these types of speaking engagements. It was suggested that we pass these requests onto the Delaware Valley Raptor Center or similar organization.

School Education Programs

Following our request for volunteers to conduct educational programs, Brad confirmed he was willing to host two of the events, Paul Gamer and Kevin Keller had contacted Patricia and had made themselves available to host if required.

The following points were agreed:

- Middle schools students in grade 7 or 8 would be our target, depending on which curriculum best suites our Eagle Program
- School districts that are within our touch the Park boundary would be contacted
- A program box that could be handed off to an intern/volunteer should be put together
- Possible dates - Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

Bus Trip

4 Bus trips are scheduled for 2016:

- January 16th – Paul Gamer/Patricia and Don Hamilton
- January 30th – Paul Gamer/Patricia and Don Hamilton
- February 6th – Paul Gamer/Patricia and Don Hamilton
- February 13th – “Becky Finch” - Brad Orey and Don Hamilton



Volunteers

The Committee discussed some ideas on how to recruit new volunteers, who would have some existing knowledge and passion for eagles and conservation.

- The Conservancy will send out press releases, e-news letters, and social media adds inviting interested people.
- Nicole committed to communicating with volunteers from Cornell
- Reach out to Sullivan Renaissance and the UDC

Upcoming Events:

Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods - Earth Day in Fall, September 20, 11am-5pm – Bethel, NY

Other

Adjourned 7:00pm

Meetings

Finance Committee – Sep 8, 9-10am – Hawley Office

Exec Committee – Sep 8, 10-11am – Hawley Office

Board Meeting – Sep 10, 5-8pm – the Settlers' Inn, Hawley PA

Legal Committee – Sep 23, 2pm – Hawley Office

Land Protection – Oct 6, 6-8pm – Talen Enviro. Learning Center, Hawley, PA

Finance Committee – Oct 6, 9-10am – Hawley Office

Exec Committee – Oct 6, 10-11am – Hawley Office

Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting – Oct 17, 10-12pm - Enviro. Learning Center

Legal Committee – Oct 28, 2pm – Hawley Office

Land Protection – Nov 3, 6-8pm – Talen Enviro. Learning Center, Hawley, PA

Eagle Conservation and Education – Nov 4, 6-8pm – Hampton Inn, Matamoras PA

Board Meeting – Nov 12, 5-8pm – Enviro. Learning Center, Hawley PA

Board Meeting – Dec 10, 5-8pm – Enviro. Learning Center, Hawley PA