



Eagle Conservation & Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

03/02/2016, 6 pm | Hampton Inn, Matamoras, PA

Present: Ken Myett, Brad Orey, Mitch Opresnick, Ingrid

Staff: Mary Ann Carletta, Simon Knox (note-taker)

Introductions

Eagle and Education Events

Short Term Activities

Eagle Watch 2016 recap

- Bus Tours
 - o Foggy windows, guide should bring paper towels
 - o PEEC bus trips need to be coordinated.
 - o Keep Don and NPS in the loop
 - o Possible afternoon trips? Definite afternoon lull.
- Blinds
 - o Parking on Scenic Drive might be a concern close to the boat launch. Ingrid to speak to NPS Law Enforcement.
 - o Mongaup – require more visible signs restricting access around the blinds. No one from DEC was present. People walking under the bridge, leaving the blind. Shrubs around the blind, weeds impeding the view. Possibly work with the Energy Corp.
 - o Rio Reservoir possible location change.
 - o Shed at Lackawaxen
 - o Barbara Yeaman blind, requires maintenance in order to maintain a view of the river.
 - o Get DEC and NPS information/to-do-list prior to the season.
- Visitor Center
 - o Keep the season length, Jan to Feb
 - o No need to move furniture
 - o Keep keys for return volunteers, formalize list. Ron at NPS Law does the keys.
 - o Make sure we get stickers out
- Eagle Day
 - o Teatown Eagle Day – Ken knew of the event (January event)
- School Programs
 - o Continue to aim for 4 programs with schools. Maintain focus on Port Jervis, Monticello, Eldred, Wallenpaupack. Possibly grade 9 curricula. Continue with video outreach and then have them back at the field office.
- Scavenger
 - o Very few cards handed out and very little kids asked
- NPS Eagle Junior Park Ranger
 - o Ingrid to follow up on a specific bald eagles/habitat type Junior Park Ranger program
- Volunteer manual
 - o Mary Ann will be updating



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Long Term Activities

- 2016 Event Listing – *attached*
 - o Star Watch – May 6
 - o Upper Delaware BioBlitz – Jun 24-25
 - o Zane Grey Festival – Jul 16
 - o Riverfest – Jul 24
 - o Park Service Birthday Bash – Narrowsburg, Aug 13
 - 100 kayaks, help with promotion
 - o Member/Volunteer Picnic – Aug 27
 - o Earth Day in Autumn – Sep ?

 - o Possible – Festival of Wood and Callicoon event

- Hancock, NY Eagle Blind update

Administration

Strategy and Responsibilities:

- Eagle Conservation and Education Committee Responsibilities – *attached*
 - o No comment

Merging Facebook Pages

To ensure we are reaching our audience most effectively, we've decided that it is time to merge our two Facebook pages and into our main page, www.facebook.com/DelawareHighlandsConservancy.

- As of April 1, the Eagle Institute Facebook page (and all of its followers) will be merged into the main Delaware Highlands Conservancy page. We will make an announcement that this is occurring on both pages in March.
- Brad and Steve will be made editors of the main Facebook page, and will be invited to continue their eagle-watching posts. Page followers will also be asked to continue to share their own eagle photos/observations/sightings.
- Posts from this season have been shared on the Conservancy's main Facebook page; older content from previous years on the Eagle Institute Facebook page will not be archived, so be sure to save any older photos you want to keep.
- Does the committee have any other suggestions for an easy transition?

New Business

- New Chair – Paul Gamer for committee
- LP Strategy – Ken, where was the original map. Maps were used in Eagle Comm
 - o Joel and Ken remember wanting to grow the fund

Upcoming Events:

- Eagle Volunteer Thank-You Breakfast – April 9, 2016, 9:30am-11:30am – Inn at Lackawaxen
- Foods of the Delaware Highlands Dinner – April 30, 2016, 5pm – The Settler's Inn

For more events please go to: <http://www.delawarehighlands.org/newsevents/eventdates>



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Next Meetings

April 30 Fundraising Dinner

May 5-6 NY LTA Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY

May 11 Finance Committee 9-10am

May 11 Executive Committee 10-11am

May 11 Land Protection Committee 6-8pm

May 18 Legal Committee 2pm

May 19 Board Meeting THURSDAY Evening 5 – 8 pm, Location tbc

May 21 Open House/Artist Residency Photo Exhibit with Sandy Long. Bethel office, 12-4pm.

May 23 Green Lodging Thank You Gathering 5 – 7 pm

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Training Opportunities - LTA Webinar Series: Complete list sent under separate cover