

Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists Quarterly Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2019

Garst Mill Park , Roanoke VA

Attendance: Donna Haley, Tina O'Hara, Nancy Armstrong, Kathy Sink, Larry Bradfield, Regina Prunty, Laurel Spangler, Pat Taylor, Scott Spangler, Linda Corey, Sharon M. Vest, Alberta Bolinski (guest) ,Lieseбет Tausch, Jeff Sullivan, Mary Jean Sullivan, George Devlin, Mark Goodson, and Phil Lochbrunner.

Call to Order: The general membership meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Donna Haley.

Old Business:

1. A Treasurer's report was submitted to the officers prior to the meeting as follows:

Beginning Balance \$5413.62

Deposits:

5/2/2019 \$15.00

5/9/2019 \$10.00

Total Deposits \$25.00

Withdrawals

5/1/2019 \$42.00

For Name Tags

Total Withdrawals \$42.00

Ending Balance \$5396.62

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as written, and the report was approved unanimously.

2. Vice President's report: Tammy Cascone was absent and no report was given.
3. Secretary's Report: Minute's from the last meeting that had been previously distributed by email were approved unanimously.
4. President's Report: Donna Haley opened the discussion on changing the picnic to later or earlier in the year, no new date has been set . Frank Sellers our Treasurer has asked to be replaced there were not enough people at the picnic to select a new replacement all those interested in holding offices for the organization please let Donna know at mgmom@outlook.com.

The Wildflower survey will be on Wednesday mornings , July 24th, August 21st, and September 18th at explore park, all those interested please let Donna know. The state conference will be held on Sept. 20-22. Photo contest deadline for entries is August 5th.

The coloring book project is now complete , Explore park will be holding a reception sometime soon, date to be announced to showcase the hard work of the volunteers that made it happen and to draw attention to the wonderful things happening at Explore Park. The chapter has put together 6 backpacks , these packs are full of fun wonderful , educational materials that can be checked out at Explore Park. We are looking for any old binoculars, nature books, etc, that would be educational for young adults, plus it would be a great way to downsize.

5. There was discussion about the Board, Frank Sellers our current Treasurer is looking to be replaced. There were not enough members to have a proper

vote. This will occur at the next stated meeting, all those interested in holding this position or any other in the board please let Donna know at mgmom@outlook.com .

6. The new class had 14 +2, 13 regular students. 11 graduated.

Honorable mention to Kevin Johnson, Linda Corey and Bertrand Spetzler. Great job new class, looking forward to seeing you .

7. Regina Prunty handed out name tags and pins for recertification.

24 members were recertified, special mention to Pat Taylor who completed 250 hours and Sharon Vest who completed 500 hours.If I have forgotten anyone please let me know and I will be sure to mention you in the next report, Tina O'Hara at tilley8@aol.com

General information

Science Museum: looking for help with new hidden garden project. Anyone interested in helping , go to the museum and contact Donna

with any ideas. mgmom@outlook.com

Mill Mountain, a new fence was replaced at the discovery center.

Weather unfortunately played a factor, the events in spring were limited.

Explore park , June 8th event rained out, Mason Bee project was well received , the kids enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

Boy scout camp , we had the opportunity to train their nature staff, good first time, trained about 10 people.

Earthday, Grandin Village, great response

Hometown Habitat Movie at Grandin Theater showed for 75 people

Other showings will be upcoming.

Upcoming Events:

Explore Park: Coloring book reception party date tba.

Go-fest: October 18-20th great event remember to sign up.

Hokies Bug Fest: October 5th, great way to learn about bugs.

Volunteer opportunities:

Breeding Bird Survey:

We are looking for someone , for an annual bird survey. It would involve stopping at 50 spots, part of the Breeding Bird survey, US Geological Survey. It could be done by a team, but it is important that the research continues.

Butterfly Survey:

Easy to identify , check it out on our facebook page.

Friends of the Natural Bridge are reaching out for help. I am not sure what they need but it would be a great opportunity.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned .

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