

Tuesday, July 24, 2024

## **Contoocook Riverway Association July Meeting**

Attending Meeting: Mark, David, Steve, Fred and Tiffany Bauer, guest. Absent: Brian, Dottie and Linda

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Secretary's Report: Approved last minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted.

Election of new Board member: Tiffany Bauer was elected Board Member for two year term. Please note- Waiting time for eligibility has been reduced by vote over 6 months ago.

### **Old Business**

Section House Roof- Emerson Cayer has agreed to replace the roof at an agreed upon price but it is our project to get old roofing stripped and removed from the premises. Only Steve is willing to get up there to strip it. After consulting with Brian, he said he would be willing to go up on the roof and strip too. The rest of us would work on the ground for clean-up. Schedule of work detail to be announced soon.

Brick Sidewalk- Will now connect up with Gazebo sidewalk. We will cut out surrounding pavement and add grassy area around it. The former area where we were going to place sidewalk has been filled in with nice gravel and decorated with benches and tables supplied by Maple Street Mercantile. Brian Cressy will do the labor on the newly relocated sidewalk but Mark and Steve need to go onsite and show exactly where everything will be located. Brick pattern must be worked out as well. Materials (bricks) are delivered and on hand.

Coach Canopy Project- Mark has requested canopy illustrations so he can put together a fundraising flyer card to distribute to the public. In addition, I would like to create a large sign for outside that shows where we are with fundraising. Fred will supply art files for him. Mass Bay has given us \$4000 Grant (thank you Fred!). Fred is pursuing more grants but is looking for help from other directors.

Visitor's Center- Our Friday Saturday Sunday docent program (funded by Kearsarge Chamber) is running well. We would like to see payment to docents done weekly from now on. Checks will be written and left in the locked cash box prior to the start of the

next week. Mark is working on a list of maintenance items that the docent needs to do each week including watering and feeding flowers, keep bathroom clean, deposit donations in the donation box, keep up guest book and check for tour sheet handouts. Other duties are possible that I haven't listed. Looking for suggestions please.

Docent Hours: Friday Noon to 4 pm, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm, Sunday noon to 3 pm

Flea Market at the Depot- We would like to start a weekly Depot Flea Market in the parking lot on Saturday morning from 8 am to 1 pm. We will charge \$15 a table (supplied by dealer) and up to 15-20 dealers. We will need someone who can supervise this operation. Docent can help but is not the responsible person. Details to be worked out so we can start early August through Columbus Day. Flyer cards will be handed out at Davisville Flea Market and posted on websites. Anything to add?

#### New Business

New Membership- our goal is to add 100 memberships. Mark is thinking about premiums we could give out with membership like member cards and decal. Auto renew as well.

We all agree that we need to have regular monthly meetings that we can all attend. Too many people don't attend. The second Monday or Wednesday at 7 pm seems to work for everyone. Any problem with this arrangement- please advise.

Concord Model Rail Show- we will attend and have a table set up promoting the Contoocook Depot. Mark will supply signage and hand outs. See David for dates and details on this.

Clean up behind the depot needs to be done now that the project has been completed. Mark is willing to use his truck to transport trash and junk. Let's pick a day/time to clean up. Must be done before flea market starts!

Meeting concluded at 8 pm