

**Spruce Creek Recreation Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2020**

■ **Welcome and Call to Order (Becky Wynne)**

- Many folks joined our zoom SCRA meeting early to catch up with everyone; Becky created several breakout rooms for small group chats, and then brought us back together
- Meeting officially called to order at 3:19pm (Eastern)
- **Becky:** welcome! So great to see everyone, and to see that so many folks found ways to make it to the Tree Farm this year! Back in March and April, we were afraid that there would be very few folks on the hill due to COVID-19, but it was actually the opposite!
- **Kathy, Wayne, and others:** many folks able to drive up this summer; including several who haven't been able to make it in several years; and our SPRING is back, which is a great sign of hope and renewal!

■ **Nominations Committee for 2021 (Becky Wynne)**

- **Becky:** Next summer we nominate the next set of SCRA officers – the current board has two more years to serve, but we decided last year to nominate the slate early so that folks could serve their “elect” years (president-elect, etc.) to give them a year to understand the job and create an easier transition.
- **If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee, please let Becky know.** The Committee will not need to meet before this coming spring (probably April).

■ **Infrastructure Reports and Updates (Betty Ann for the Infrastructure Committee)**

- We have **DISCONTINUED** the SCRA P.O. Box in Warrior's Mark, **BUT** you can still send mail to Warrior's Mark General Delivery they will hold all GD mail for 30 days.
- Over this past winter, a local friend of the Tree Farm, Chris Bourne, regularly checked on our property, and asked only that he be allowed to take firewood. He would love to do it again for the same arrangement. Our backup local person is Craig Cherry, who has also very kindly volunteered his services as we need them.
- **Water System**
 - Wayne and Craig turned on the water system in stages this summer, and so far the system is in good repair. Wayne has said he will help turn it off this fall (it works best as a two-person job).
- **Road**
 - The main road is in good condition currently, so no improvements currently needed.
- **Grass/Meadow**
 - Several folks helped out with mowing and controlling the grass in the meadow this summer, which really is a massive job. This year also saw the

mowing continue behind the pool, which created a lovely area for folks to sit/lay out (**Connie**).

- **Kathy:** We were very lucky this year that so many folks were able to help with the big project that is the meadow, but we all need to be aware that it takes a lot of muscle and organization and WORK to open the Tree Farm each year and keep it the wonderful place that it is.
 - We should work to coordinate who is up and when so that we can tackle the larger jobs, or look into asking a neighbor to mow and help maintain the meadow for us.
 - **Wayne:** Weedwacking the trails also falls into this category – it’s a big job that can be done by several folks over the course of the summer.
 - **TICKS:** Terrible in May, but mostly gone by June. Apparently there is a new product to repel ticks (**Betty Ann**).

- **Pool**

- Greenwood opened the pool for us this year – there were a few holes in the cover and leaves had gotten in, so it was a bit complicated. As usual, we’ve had several dedicated volunteers – **Wayne** in particular – who have helped us keep the pool clean this summer.
- **There are now detailed instructions in the pool area for the needed maintenance and a sheet where you can write down what you did and when.** If we can get into the habit of checking this and recording what was done, our pool will stay in fantastic shape for everyone to enjoy!
- Greenwood will also close the pool when we are ready for it (likely after Labor Day).
- We have a NEW swing – in the same place (and on the same limb!) as before, courtesy of **Andy Snover!**

- **Internet**

- Internet was turned on early this year, and the system was upgraded, which seems to be working well.

- **Laundry**

- Craig Cherry fixed our washing machine this summer, which is awesome! For those using the laundry facilities: **Remember to CHECK the drain EACH time you use it for any clogs/lint.**

- **Jimmy’s Garden**

- We left the garden uncovered this year – should we plan to cover this year and replant areas?

- **Infrastructure Report will be posted to the Tree Farm website**

- **Financial Report from Treasurer (Nancy Braund Boruch)**

- Currently (as of August 2020) we are in the red by \$125, but we will break even as dues come in for this year (waiting on approximately \$2000 in dues).
- **Property taxes \$8000**

- o **Supplies: \$500**
 - o **Pool: \$700** We will need a new winter pool cover for this year, which will cost approximately \$2500, so if folks could pay their dues, that would help tremendously.
 - o **Wi-fi, electric, trash: \$900**
 - Nancy estimates that approximately \$1000 will be needed for closing the Tree Farm for the winter.
- **Tree Farm Website and Updates (Basha Smolen)**
 - o Basha shared her screen and showed off the wonderful work she's done on the new Tree Farm website! She explained many of the features, and what the future plans are (including working towards an online/PayPal method for paying dues).
 - **Nancy, Melinda, and Sarah** will continue to talk about online options for dues (some conversation will be needed with our bank, etc.).
 - o **Photos:** Currently, we've linked the TF website to Tom's Flickr site that he created and maintains for TF photos. We may look into a way of storing these photos on the website rather than Flickr.
 - **We STILL have many wonderful photos that are lacking dates and other identifying info!** We'd love for everyone to log on to the Flickr site and help us – there is a folder of “unidentified” photos that folks can help us identify.
 - o **Member Directory:** The website also contains the current version of the TF members' directory, which IS PROTECTED so not just anyone can see it. For those of you with updates, you can send them to **Sarah, Basha, or Melinda**, and we will get them on there.
 - o **Our website is NOT SEARCHABLE;** meaning that random folks can't find it by searching in Google, etc. You must be sent a link.
 - **80th Anniversary Celebration (Tom and Fran Day)**
 - o **Tom and Fran Day** have been pulling together many of the wonderful ideas for celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Tree Farm in person next year! This document is on the website, so please check it out, and pass on any ideas you might have to Tom and Fran! You can reach them at **franneday@live.com**
 - o Some ideas suggested so far:
 - **A “50s” Day:** no devices allowed that weren't present in the 1950s
 - **Memorial Walk to the Spring**
 - **In-ground BBQ/ or something similar**
 - **Time Capsule**
 - **Movie Night:** Watch the film that was filmed here!
 - **Crossword Puzzle**
 - **Craft project involving wildflowers.**
 - **Upcoming Dates:**
 - o **2021 Annual Meeting: July 31, 2021**

- o **Fall Work Weekend:** This is usually planned for the Long Weekend in October that coincides with Indigenous Peoples' Day in many states. Water will be turned off after this weekend for the winter, as will electricity and the wi-fi.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05pm Eastern