

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Monday, July 18, 2011
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments – 15 Minutes
Acceptance of June minutes
Treasurer Report
2011 Programs & Events
- Fall/Winter program schedule
- Fundraisers 2011
Website, marketing & media
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission: Chairman Pam Georgas, Kevin Malone, Ruth Mohr
Guests: Erin Johannesen, John Massari Clerk: Sheryl Baumann

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Public Comments

John Massari, a licensed DEP instructor in conservation, safety and bow hunting asked for permission to use the property 1-2 times a year for a DEP program. There was not a commission quorum present so the request could not be voted on this month. The chair informed Mr. Massari that they would also need to check with the town, as it is town property.

June Minutes

No vote was taken due to no quorum in May.

Treasurer's Report

No report given.

Website, marketing and media

Pam Georgas informed the commission that the TNAC website is up and visitors can now pay online with a credit card.

2011 Programs & Events

Fall/Winter program schedule

- Erin Johannesen will be able to lead programs for Webelos Naturalist and Forester Badges.
- Steve Lemoine will teach some programs this fall.

Fundraisers 2011

Various fundraising ideas were discussed. Pam Georgas stated that TNAC needs a Fundraising Committee to solicit vendors.

Old Business

No discussion was held.

New Business

- Erin suggested the following ideas:
 - o TNAC conduct a “Junior Naturalist” after school program
 - o TNAC should consider becoming a member of the New England Environmental Educational Alliance (NEEEA). The NEEEA holds workshops on obtaining funding, how to market your nature center, etc.
 - o TNAC should consider becoming a member of the Connecticut Outdoor & Environmental Education Association Fund (COEEA), a state organization created to obtain funds through the federal Environmental Literacy Plan (ELP.)

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Submitted by Sheryl Baumann, July Meeting Nature Commission Clerk