

April 1, 2013

*Police Patrol for James River Parks*

Stacy Rogers has not yet returned to park.

Officer Davis on trails of Belle Island. Comments on Hills and Hikes blog. Contact Gene Lepley, or Dr. Merrifield to lobby again for Stacy's return due to new issues.

*Constant Contact*

There are 833 e-news subscribers on Constant Contact. Elaine is managing and requesting stories and gaining info from blog.

*Warren's agenda update*

Pony pasture boulders completed this month.

William's Island - Searching for new boat landing location. Warren is taking everyone out in boat to find landing sight. FOJRP signs in place this month. Signs-warren has carpenter friend, nothing new on William's island. Discussion of why is William's Island named that way? Forest trail on William's island and Warren maintains it weekly.

Brochures – Brochures are a 1 person job, Huguenot Bridge & flat water.

Stones - Nathan brought in rocks to replace rotten bollards. Want to use backing stones from Kanawha Canal as historic and won't end up in canal irretrievable at a later date.

Signage committee – Mary Helen is on committee of one. She needs help. We will get Nathan to define what needs to be done. Does FOJRP want to do temporary signs that perhaps could be used later? Approx cost \$400. Original signs were brown & white. Would get signs for spring and summer. What is the long term plan? Committee would pay for signs if they will be reused this summer but not thrown away. Betsy and Elaine will work on the committee. Sign for trail etiquette. Guest agreed to be on sign committee. Is a share the trail sign needed? This is a huge issue, too big to gloss over.

*Explore Outdoors*

Nathan, Mary Helen, Elaine will work event.

River Heroes-

We missed the submittal dates we used last year. At this point should we bag it? Is the timing critical? Announcement of winner was on Earth day. The Boat House started the award and supported and now has vanished. Mary Helen wrote boathouse and someone checked out and said they would not support the effort. A vote was taken and we will suspend the effort this year. It is nice to make big to do about people who are out there making their life on river. Individuals can have say in the award. Rewards can be given and big deal made. Award presented at the picnic. We may need to make contributions since we don't have boat house any more. Molly will approach the boat house for a gift certificate. Will drop for this year and pick up in December or January. Do we need to be concerned about corporations giving their money away? Boat house was giving \$1000 at a time. We

received \$3,504 from boat house last year. Will Bottoms Up Pizza, Rappahannock be willing to contribute? We could giveaway or raffle a kayak. Would Appomattox give kayak?

#### *Earth day*

We will man a booth with 1 volunteer each shift in addition to Board Members Larry, Molly, and Myrna. The Turning basin is location. From 11-5 with 2 shifts of 3. Elaine will solicit volunteers via e-mail and have them partner with the board.

#### *Ralph's gift*

Ralph's anonym's gift committee not met. Waiting for input from Ralph. The gift is not contingent on composting toilet. Big fish is not going to work as it is too expensive.

#### *T-shirts*

T-shirts going on website. We need to freshen up web site. Phil Regan has pictures we can use. T-shirts will be sold on web.

#### *Membership*

Discussion on setting criteria for life membership.

#### *Chapel Island*

Chapel Island improvements are going well. It is a great place to put in boat. Put in not poured yet due to weather conditions.

#### *Future Work*

Legalities – We don't have to accept bids if they don't suit us. What is the dollar amount that we will need to get more than 1 estimate for jobs? It is beneficial to use board members and friends due to lower cost. Riverside outfitters give us money and rent land. \$1,000 - \$5,000 range may be good. We will need to develop cost and conflict of interest policies. Get more direction from Jamie. Revisit next month. The stones at the Pony Pasture are water under bridge.

#### *Riverside Dr. cleanup*

Committed to be designated clean up however, it never received recognition sign. It is already being cleaned up so perhaps we don't want to make official.

#### *Finance Committee*

Finance committee for license plate money in September. Do we need to spend the money and what should we spend it on? The budget needs to be set up by July 1. Myrna and Mary Helen are on committee w/others.

### Parks Manager Position

Parks Department says the position is being hired. Norman from Maymont is on the committee. Ralph stated the city never wanted people from around country and didn't want anyone other than Nathan. He already has the requisite skills to do the work. The idea of the search was to pressure city to upgrade job. Application hired at \$60,000 range. If Nathan goes there will be no environmental educator. Andrew, an employee is trying to higher at Pocahontas Park. A manager is needed on board due to the summer coming. Who would take Nathan's job? Who would be the environmental educator? Could we recruit Warren Fields? Also, we must maintain recycle guys. Ralph-let process, no interest on city part to recruit elsewhere. Director wants to take positive energy and spread it around other parks.

### *Future Programs*

Two projects, river clean up in June has not happened since 1983. Candles on the canal for December solstice. We will give \$300 for trash bags to park. Ralph used to get them from Costco. Elaine will get. Litter pick-up sticks are cheap. Support park clean up in Zndia from India Can't support. Requested money for railing lights at the pump house. Nathan already wanted. Nathan is going to the Chesapeake Bay clean up day June 1 and will coordinate w/ Ralph the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. Proposed for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend and then 2<sup>nd</sup> if necessary. This is the weekend before Extera. Extera clean the trail afterwards. We are in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Ralph feels a substantial failure on September wants to get people out in park.