



# THE FRIENDS OF POMPERAUG

ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 27, 2009

## Minutes

Attendees:                   Mike Abrahamson                   Jim Bailey                   Bob Kravecs, Jr.  
                                  Mike Card                         Gordon Beach               Ralph Deer  
                                  Chuck Figlar, Sr.               Bill Chin                     Steve Crews  
                                  Mark Krom

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by Jim Bailey. The pledge of allegiance was recited and everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

No minutes were presented as they were not available. Mike Card announced the current balance in the Friends of Pomperaug account, \$4606.00. No treasurer's report was distributed.

Mike Abrahamson provided copies of the current by-laws to attendees. The reinstatement of the FOP as an official corporation with the state and the reinstatement of the FOP's 501(c)(3) status was discussed.

Mike Abrahamson explained that the board of directors and officers must be elected on a yearly basis and asked for a motion to re-elect the current board. The board of directors nominated were: Mike Abrahamson, Jim Bailey, Bob Kravecs, Jr., Mike Card, and Gordon Beach. The officers nominated were: Mike Abrahamson - Chairman of the Board, Jim Bailey - President, Bob Kravecs, Jr. - Vice President, and Mike Card - Treasurer / Secretary. The motion was raised, seconded, and passed unanimously. Mike then announced that anyone interested in joining the board should speak with him or be nominated at the meeting. Bob Kravecs, Jr. nominated Ralph Deer, who accepted the nomination, was seconded, and was approved unanimously. The final board is thus:

- Mike Abrahamson - Chairman of the Board
- Jim Bailey - President
- Bob Kravecs, Jr. - Vice President
- Mike Card - Secretary / Treasurer
- Gordon Beach
- Ralph Deer

Mike Card announced that the board elected to raise dues from \$10 to \$20, and asked for a motion to approve the change. The motion was raised, seconded, and passed unanimously. Mike then asked everyone fill out a membership form and turn it in, plus take additional forms and provide them to everyone who would be interested in joining.

Gordon Beach announced the formation of a Campmaster program and stated the purpose of having someone in camp to help the caretaker and to handle check-in and check-out for groups using the camp. Steve Crews asked for a paragraph about the Campmaster program, Mike Abrahamson said he would provide it. Gordon also stated that work would be done on the chief's lodge so it could once again be used by the Campmaster for weekends.

Jim Bailey made a brief introduction about the state of the camp, about the visit by Abrahamson, Bailey, Card, and Beach the previous weekend and how work had been done throughout camp, with the assistance of the YLT staff. Jim then turned the floor over to Mike Abrahamson to discuss more about the state of the camp and projects to be done. Mike started by stating that the Burn Foundation had done a large amount of cleanup throughout the camp since the previous visit. Mike then went through projects completed in May:

- The Camp Pomperaug sign on the barn was installed.
- The post in the basement of the ranger's house was replaced.
- The doors on the small barn were re-hung so they are serviceable and securable. The left door still needs minor repairs.
- The shingles where the floor collapsed in the small barn were restacked in the basement and the floor that collapsed was removed to remove the hazard.
- Heavy items on the barn floor were relocated and the barn cleaned.
- Identified two large holes in the small barn's roof and one small hole in the pole barn's roof.
- A sign was prepared to be posted at the waterfront about no lifeguard on duty, but one was already in place.
- All of the latrines were investigated and all are serviceable, though some need the water reconnected.
- The fence on the spillway was investigated and found on site; it just needs to be reinstalled.
- The chief's cabin was investigated and it was determined that the carpet and furniture need to be removed.

Mike then discussed projects that would be worked on in June:

- A dumpster will be brought in and trash from the barn and chief's lodge will be removed.
- The small barn will be fenced off from below and inside to prevent access and to prevent falling into the hole.
- The roof of the small barn will be covered with a tarp until it can be repaired.
- The fence on the dam spillway will be reinstalled.
- The chapel roof will be cleared so its condition can be investigated. Other roofs will be cleaned in the future.
- All latrines will be cleaned and repaired as needed and the water will be reconnected as needed.
- The outside door to the loft of the pole barn will be reinstalled and a lockable door will be installed inside so the loft can be used for storage of YLT equipment.
- The electrical fixtures at the cook's cabin will be repaired.
- A new Camp Pomperaug sign will hopefully be installed at the road.

Mike also mentioned long-term projects goals:

- Repair the small barn's main floor and roof.
- Make necessary repairs to the chief's lodge.
- Repairs to the ranger's house (windows, etc.).
- Dead tree removal throughout camp.
- Cleanup of other buildings.

There was an extensive discussion about mattresses and the possible solutions, including using the Burn Foundation mattresses, buying mattresses, or installing plywood bases. Steve Crews asked a number of questions about the mattresses and other topics related to the Burn Foundations' care of the camp, Mike suggested they speak after the meeting and Steve agreed.

Mike then mentioned the upcoming major work party on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 5:00pm. Gordon Beach asked about arrival and Mike clarified that no one should arrive until Saturday morning at 10:00am. Gordon mentioned that everyone was welcome to stay until Sunday if they would like, though no mattresses were available.

Jim Bailey discussed increasing use of the camp, bringing in more of CT Yankee units and also outside organizations. Bob Kravacs, Jr. mentioned inviting CT Rivers units in the area of Pomperaug to come back to the camp, Mike Abrahamson mentioned he had contacts to get the word out. Mark asked if the sites and cabins were really ready for use, and it was mentioned that by the fall most campsites and cabins should be ready for use. Mike also mentioned that no form or fee schedule was available yet.

Gordon Beach mentioned changing the night of the meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday was suggested and everyone agreed.

Jim asked if there was any other questions or business and there was none. He asked for a motion to close the meeting, which was made by Steve Crews, it was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 9:11.