



# THE FRIENDS OF POMPERAUG

ANNUAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2010

## Minutes

Attendees:                Bill Amidon                                Jim Bailey                                Gordon Beach  
                                 Mike Card                                        Chris Caruso                                Bill Chin

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 by Jim Bailey. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Mike Card announced that the current balance in the Friends of Pomperaug account was \$6,995. No treasurer's report was distributed. Chris Caruso asked if additional advertisement payments from the fundraising dinner had been received; Mike Card reviewed which payments had been received to date.

Jim Bailey announced that no camp usage numbers were available yet; numbers should be available after the first of the year.

There was no additional information to report on the reunion weekend or fundraising dinner.

Jim Bailey 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 officers with additional members of the board. Mike Card presented the board of directors nominations: Mike Abrahamson, Jim Bailey, Bob Kravecs, Jr., Mike Card, Gordon Beach, Will Ference Donna Rae Henault Caporaso, Chris Caruso, and Bill Chin. The officers nominated were: Mike Abrahamson - Chairman of the Board, Jim Bailey - President, Bob Kravecs, Jr. - Vice President, and Mike Card - Treasurer / Secretary. Jim Bailey explained that Donna Rae Henault Caporaso had not yet agreed to a position. The motion to accept the nominations pending Donna Rae Henault Caporaso's acceptance was raised by Chris Caruso, seconded by Gordon Beach, and passed 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 - Chair of Campmaster Corps
- Will Ference - Chair of Maintenance
- Donna Rae Henault Caporaso - Chair of Membership and Communications
- Chris Caruso - Chair of Pomperaug Fundraising Dinner
- Bill Chin - Chair of Summer Picnic

Mike Card announced that the members needed to vote on a dues amount for the upcoming year. Chris Caruso raised the motion to continue the current dues charge of \$25, with a patch included for new members, Mike Card seconded. Four members voted in favor, one against, no abstentions; the motion passed.

The calendar for the upcoming year was discussed, included the addition of a summer picnic instead of the fall reunion weekend.

The formation of a official Campmaster program was discussed. Gordon stated that nothing had been developed to date; Gordon asked for help in typing up a book up once he organized the information. Multiple members agreed to help. Bill Amidon mentioned a number of things to include: things to relay to groups upon arrival, where electrical and plumbing turn-offs are, how buildings should be closed. Collection of emergency contacts, including emergency numbers and hospital addresses plus council contacts was discussed. Adding other resources about programs and places to visit was also discussed: stores, gas, Sturbridge Village, the island, the reservoir, etc. Gordon Beach also suggested having map copies available. Mike Card volunteered to get Hoyt's document as a starting point; Jim Bailey suggested setting aside time at the next meeting to continue to build plans. Mike Card also suggested the need to develop a process for getting bookings earlier; Mike Card will ask Mike Abrahamson about the process and getting additional people added to the email list. A question was raised about collecting counts at camp and whether we should be collecting money from groups; Jim Bailey will ask about policies at the next council camping meeting.

Mike Card reviewed the current project list for the upcoming year. Additional ideas to add to the list were discussed: adding additional campsites, adding a ceiling fan in Algonquin, and establishing a permanent rifle and shotgun range.

Additional ideas for usage were discussed: availability for Cub Scouts including lean-tos and Sturbridge village and usage from Venturing for shooting sports or water sports at the nearby reservoir. Purchasing of canoes or kayaks was discussed. Promoting the camp at district roundtables and venturing meeting was discussed. Chris Caruso discussed the need for establishing long-term plans for the camp.

Mike Card presented proposed changes to the by-laws in section 2 of article V: removing the phrase 'between May and June 30 of each year' replacing it with 'annually' in the first sentence and changing 'July' to 'January' in the third sentence. Jim Bailey suggested changing section 2 of article I changing 'Boy Scouts of America' to 'Connecticut Yankee Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America' in the first sentence. Bill Amidon raised the motion to accept changes as discussed, the motions was seconded by Mike Card, and passed unanimously.

Jim Bailey opened the forum for additional discussions. Gordon Beach discussed the upcoming proposed trad-o-ree, and will begin working more on the event. Gordon Beach also discussed the need for establishing policies for using the camp truck for plowing.

Jim Bailey 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 Bill Amidon, it was seconded by Chris Caruso, and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 9:27.