

Danby Community Council
Date: September 4, 2015
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members present: Alison Christie (Pres.), Gould Colman (VP), Bill Evans (Secr.), Katharine Hunter, Susan Franklin, Ted Crane (ex officio, non-voting)

Board Members absent: Julie Clougherty (Treas.)

Others present: Travis Judd, Shelly Jo Lester

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & AGENDA REVIEW:

Alison is getting involved with the Park to work on the natural playground. She met with Kenny and hopes to get a phase I going.

Ted mentioned that timing may be right for discussing moving the playground at the school to the Park – school district may be installing solar.

Gould suggests appointing a committee to meet with school district to discuss Danby getting more community access – e.g., the gym. He suggested that the committee contact school administrators and arrange a meeting and a tour. He suggested adding this to the meeting's agenda.

Bill checked with Gould about the length of meetings – he OK'd 10pm.

Bill queried Gould on the status of the mystery object he had shared at a DCC meeting last spring. Gould said he would bring it in again for everyone to look at before the November mystery object meeting (UFO).

II. YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

Travis and Shelley recap his start as Danby Youth Coordinator.

- A. Danby Youth Program structure
- B. Summer programs. Travis said they have been great, especially the floating classroom (his first day on the job). He elaborated on four programs, including a hike to the pinnacles. Also ground-to-grocery program in Spencer, Finger Lakes Fresh in Groton, backpacking, Frisbee golf, visit to Corning Museum of Glass.
- C. Fall program plans: Two are just for Danby youth (ages 8-14) with the first at Three Swallows Farm (8 Weeks) involving end of season harvesting, storage prep, etc. Second is a campfire cooking program (8 weeks) – at the Park ideally, or church in bad weather. Dual program, open to both Danby and JYC youth at Boynton (for convenience) called "Outdoor Adventure". Joint Youth Commission = Village of Cayuga heights, Town of Ithaca, Town of Caroline, & Village Lansing – would run through Fall. No more than 15 students (11 for field trips). Popular programs have a waiting list. Therefore, two and a half programs for Danby – two dedicated for Danby kids and one shared with JYC. Shelley says the plan is to try it and see how it works and then adjust.

Alison checks to see whether program is girl friendly as well. Travis thinks they will be. Shelley notes still a girls program running with three girls from Danby participating.

Katharine: concerned about continuity, parents mad that kids can't get in.

Alison asked Shelley about West Danby Youth. She noted the success and popularity of the West Danby egg hunt. The pool of kids is there it is just a matter of keeping the conversation open about possibilities.

Discussion about transportation: Shelley noted that the issue hasn't been fleshed out yet -- some aspects get worked out depending on kids.

Shelley noted that they are working on a Facebook page to facilitate information getting out to parents.

Parent participation, if they are cleared as volunteers, may allow more students to participate if they are cleared – 15 minutes of paperwork – 2-3 days for background check. Shelley notes that it is better to have a second adult because situations happen that can be challenging for one.

D. Future programs

Alison asked if one event for teens could be planned before the end of the year.

Gould's yurt!

Moth event for kids

Audubon bird count January 1, 2016 and prep meeting December 6.

Alison asked about checking in with DCC re programs. Shelley has given Travis a format to follow and they hope to be checking in with it monthly.

Thanks to Travis and Shelley

III. Votes

MINUTES of 8.06.15

Corrections: D'Ambrose | Katharine moved Susan seconded, minutes approved

Plan to address and finalize March, April and May minutes at October meeting.

IV. Discussion

A. Concerts

1. Upcoming

9.20.15 – Hot Biscuits

11.08.15 – Lynn Craver

2. Potential

10.4.15 Bobbie Henry/Rick Manning (bluegrass) – via Ted

Long John and the Tights (12/6 or 12/13) – via Ted
(John Hoffman, Randy Beckman)

Grassanova (no dates yet; Nov 1 or 15) – via Ted

Agusto & Christione, violin & cello (2016)

Driftwood?

B. Community Events

1. Upcoming

10.11.15 Harvest Festival
Gould's tractor; Mess tent; rockets
Food: cider hot dogs s'mores pretzels
25-30; 50-75 2nd year;
Sep DAN news

2. Potential

UFO!! November (15th or 22nd)

C. Natural History Series

1. Upcoming

Bird warm up – Asher & Bill – 12/6

1.1.16 Bird Count

2. Potential

Kids Naturalist Talks (Alison)
11-12 Saturday during library hours

Lang Elliot HD nature videos – January or February

Pat Curran January or February

V. Finances

Julie submitted August and September Treasurer's reports

VI. Governance

We have an open seat and Danny Wheeler offered to join DCC. Alison suggested we invite him to a meeting.

Alison suggested that since Julie is gone, would someone like to handle youth scholarships. Susan volunteered. Katharine volunteered to help with Julie's portion of the Danby News.

Addendum

Toward the end of the meeting, a young gal from Spencer named Ronja Ogrodnik came into the meeting to say she had rescued a dog named Levi from getting hit on 96B. We tracked down the owner, Andrea Hazard, and she came to pick him up. A happy lucky outcome.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:10pm

Next meeting: Oct 1 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Evans