

Lee called the meeting to order and prayed

Secretary's report

- Lee offered a correction: the plat about Perry expedition was in 2000, not 1990
- Motion to accept the minutes Laura Bush
- Second Adam Bush
- Motion carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- final number \$128,817
- Homecoming ended up costing us \$818
- Dues \$1,575 total
 - A quite a few payed for many years all at once
- Cabin insurance
- Taxes same
- Cabin expenses
 - Fire extinguisher checks, which we pay for now
- Website costs donated by Cory
- 80th reunion \$818.00 (10 students subsidized and cost of the mailing)
- Interest and appreciation is as usual
 - Fidelity bond income- want it to be sufficient for taxes and insurance, which it is right now
 - Goucher fund is untouchable principal
 - Short duration account is for capital funds
 - Checking \$6,488 (quick access)
- no money spent in the past 12 months on the renovation project
- We don't have any bills pending, Tom Ronksley would like to move money from checking into capital fund
 - Increase our reserves for future capital projects
 - motion to move \$1000 from the checking to capital fund- Tom Ronksley
 - Seconded by Tom Morris
 - Passed unanimously
- clean and green program of Venango County
 - Lee says we are a part of that
 - Tax bill would go down 80%
 - Would tax us on the land use value example as forestry land
 - Would require someone to assess the value
 - Taxes are higher in Venango County than in Mercer County
 - Could get a forester to come out

Motion to accept the report- Keegan Hange

Seconded buy Tom Morris

Passed unanimously

Cabin Report- Mark Place

- replaced the grill this summer
- Retired some of the old mowers
- Cleaned spring box
- Big things
 - Road holding up well

- Outhouses not holding up well
 - Restoration would be a big undertaking
 - New holes and buildings
 - Chad could do it. Or we could do it as a summer work outing.
 - The wooden structures are fragile
 - We usually don't share, so don't really need a double seater
 - Single seat modern top slab would be an option
 - Maybe to a location where we could get a pumper truck
 - Go with a vault with or without a bottom
 - There are a lot of regulations for that type of thing if we put in something new.
 - We put lime in the outhouses regularly as is good practice
 - They were moved to the current location because of the water table
 - Putting a footer around an open pit of sewer is not the easiest thing
 - The plastic ones are a dollar a day to service
 - We would have to provide sufficient access to service it.
 - No complaints from students currently about the bathrooms
 - The current facility has been in place since '78
 - A tree fell on the men's outhouse at one point
 - Some rot in the building
 - Must be 3 ft above the ground water level
 - Keep eye on and see how it develops
 - The female outhouse is fine at the moment
 - The cherub was eaten by the mold
 - The seats are eaten away
 - The wood
- Lee suggests that Mark puts together our options for the outhouses for the next meeting
- If we were reproducing the enclosures, the summer work outing would be a good time for that, but probably only one per year, not both at the same time.
- Consensus is to table it for the time being

Active's Report- Megan Lawson

- New member outing smaller than usual, but committed 6-7 new
- 40 active members currently
- Very large senior class so active group will probably be cut in half after May
- No juniors in the club, overall the trend is that that year's class doesn't get involved in things
- good number of sophomores and freshman
- Oct 27th is the pig roast
 - Pie night is Friday before
 - Alumni and college faculty and staff
- Concession stand is running well overall (last week the athletic department said it was the best run ever)
- Coke raised their prices and so the prices in the stand will likely go up so can make better margin; maybe not this season, but definitely by next season
- Fall Break Trip → Allegheny Nat'l Forest - North Country trail
- Giant metal spoons seem to disappear from the cabin
- Student bank account is doing well
- Cabin skills are being actively being addressed, intentionality to documenting how things are done
 - Teaching the others how to do things at work outings
 - Time after the meeting teaching outdoors skills

- Being more intentional about that
- the gas bill has gone up a bit in the last 10 years, a few hundred \$ a month
- Safety valve is on a meter which is how the meter was put in, don't want people blowing up or getting gassed

Old business

- Perry's trip to the North Pole
- Surgeon on the trip was a man from Sandy Lake
- Play about Dr Witzel
- Cliff Brown writing the play
- Angonquin trips

New Business

Restoration is almost done

As much of the original materials were salvaged and reused as possible

- Discussion of windows
 - Originals from 1930's are not in good shape, there are three options
 - Could recaulk them and leave them there
 - Could remove them and have Amish company rebuild them. The cost of that is huge.
 - Would be much cheaper to replace them with the same type of windows that we not have in the dining room
 - Made of wood with same number of panes as original windows
 - Could stain them
 - They would last 50 years
 - This is Chad's recommendation
- Beam in kitchen and dining room is new
- Most of what could be kept was
- Tom would like to put this proposal online for a vote so that more than just the 20 or so people present could have a say
- Tom would pay for the new windows
 - Everyone who is a paid member would get to vote that way not just the 20 of us are here.
- We have monumental stack of windows in the cabin basement because the wrong thing got ordered in the
- One of the issues with the old windows is that the old mullions are gone the panes are held in by silicone
- It could be nice to have windows that function, that doesn't matter so much when the students are here, because usually it is cold but when alumni are there in the summer
- There are not window weights in the summer
- Opening them in the summer now is to risk getting broken pane of glass into the palm
- Motion Three option vote with discussion on the alumni list - Tom Morris
- Laura Gibson seconds
- motion carries unanimously
 - Only alumni who have paid dues can vote Cory has that all set up already
 - Cory would send out link to the people
- Active club needed to be reimbursed for grass seed, Tom Morris gave check to Tom Ronksley to talk care of that

Officers

Motion to nominate Laura Bush as treasurer-Tom Morris

Seconded by Keegan Hange

TR has already talked to her about what the responsibilities entail
Laura was active club treasurer for 3 years
Bushes agree to come to the meetings
Keegan agrees to continue as secretary
Tom Morris agrees to continue as vice president
Lee is willing to continue to be president

Motion to close and accept slate- Laura Gibson
Seconded- Adam Bush
Passed unanimously

Cory will update website as soon as he gets the new address for treasurer.

Lee has some losses in his family this year, daughter and grandson

Suggestion from Mark Place

- PayPal account for the club
- Would lose a cut but donations might go up if we have that as an option.
- Might get more participation
- Laura Bush said that Venmo could be a good option
- Cory could do an email address for treasurer, which would be easy to transfer in the event of someone else holding that office
- Could send out emails with a link to the PayPal on the alumni list

Josh would like to donate some hardwood trees and mountain laurels for the front to replace what was cut down

Motion Laura Bush
Seconded Laura Gibson
Passed

Motion to adjourn
Passed unanimously

Attendees

Andrew Bauer '13
Rachel Bauer '16
Adam Bush '06
Laura Bush '09
Lee McCoy '61
Joshua Bauer '20
Laura Gibson '12
Thomas J. Morris III '77
Mark Place '77
Cory Gibson '99
Josh Butler '02
Trent Dennison '77
Megan Lawson '20
Tom Ronksley '77

Keegan Hange '08

Margi (Haiss) Brunson '18