

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Committee Minutes

Thursday, Dec 15th, 2022 6:00 PM – UMATR New Office! - 2839 VT ROute 105, East Berkshire, VT

Attendees: Susan Staples, Russ Ford, Dan Seeley, Jacques Couture, John Little, Lindsey Wight, Cynthia Scott, Wendy Scott, Carol Hickey, Jim MacCartney, Sarah Lunn, Jim Townsend, Ruth Little, Keith and Lori Sampietro, and Jeffrey

- 1) Thanks as always for the wonderful food - I love our potlucks!**
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.
- 2) Review and approve November Meeting Minutes - thanks for taking notes, Wendy!**
 - CS made a motion to approve with DS corrections, CH seconded. Minutes approved.
- 3) PWSR meeting summary from Sarah, Lindsey, and Jim**
 - JM received a great honor: Interagency W&SR Coord Council Jackie Diedrich Excellence in Leadership Award, which is for outstanding leadership and going above and beyond to manage and protect WSR
 - LW and SL made some great connections with other attendees, had quite a wild return back to VT by missing their connecting flight! Excited for the next meeting - potentially up here?
- 4) Administrative: Office timeline and plans for upgrades?**
 - Office is finishing up nicely, JL expects it to be ready for our March open house
 - Anything we want to seek out for furniture?
 - JL is making a 2" thick cherry conference table
 - 2 6" trestle tables
 - **Meeting locations?** Future meetings will be in the office
- 5) Newsletter**
 - SL has draft ready and accepting comments. Will have it ready for the new year.
- 6) 2022 Events: Please hang the flyers in your towns!**
 - Winter webinars in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr - update from Sarah
 - Will be having a webinar on Jan 19th presented by Tim Palmer on Wild & Scenic Rivers. Still waiting for confirmation for other months.
 - Snowshoes Along the River - Sat Feb 25th in Orleans Co; Sat March 11th in Franklin Co; 9-11am, exact locations TBD
 - New office open house - Sat March 18th 9-11 am - OOPS: Changed to Sun March 19th
 - Amphibian Road Crossing - webinar in March/April; Salamander Night Patrol(s?) as weather allows
 - Evening - zoom recording for classrooms open to public and Committee
 - Paddle Lessons - Sat June 17th and Sun July 9th
 - Paddle-Pedal - Sat July 15th
 - Montgomery Clean-up - September 9th
 - Paddle & Picnic - Sat Sept 30
 - WSFF in Fall
- 7) 2023 seasonal help:** Lindsey has not made strides in this yet; apologies: will step that up!
- 8) Other/Public Comment**
 - RF gave us a building history about how prohibition was known to run out of the basement where Berkshire folks would buy whiskey in CA, drop off bridges and ran a net from office location, stored bottles in the basement. Railroad was a milk train, but also liquor!
- 9) Upcoming Meetings**
 - Jan 19th - webinar, so via Zoom.
- 10) Wrap Up and adjourn:** RF motioned to adjourn, CH seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.