

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 17th, 2022 6:30 PM – Zoom

Attendees: Lindsey Wight, Sarah Lunn, Wendy Scott, Susan Staples, Dean Pierce, Dan Seeley, Jacques Couture, Jim MacCartney

- 1) Greetings; catching up; call to order.**
 - No quorum for this meeting
- 2) Review of February Meeting Minutes - Thanks Wendy and Sarah for these!**
 - Postponed to next meeting
- 3) East Berkshire office building update**
 - John Little is working to purchase the building
- 4) Summary of February 19th Snowshoe Event**
 - Had a very high turn out, the biggest turn out yet for a snowshoe of 27 people! Weather was able to hold out to enjoy the walk.
- 5) 2022 Events:**
 - March 19th (postponed; will be this Saturday) - 10 am - noon snowshoe; led by Jared Nunery at the Starr property in North Troy
 - Speaker series: April - Jeff Parsons will present about Mills and Historic Structures along our rivers; May - Birding with Bridget Butler
 - June 12 (Sunday) - Paddle and Picnic
 - July 16 (Saturday) - Paddle/Pedal
 - July - Paddle Instruction and tour; set date?
 - Date set for July 9th
 - August - Paddle instruction and tour; set date?
 - Date set for August 7th
 - Fall - Film Fest; set date? Create planning subcommittee
 - Timeline for the beginning of October? Still deciding if the event will be outdoors or indoors. Need to talk to event guys
 - Subcommittee:
 - JC, WS, SS, DP
- 6) Amphibian Road Crossings**
 - North Branch Nature Center is providing amphibian road crossing training online for \$175: training consists of identifying amphibians and helping them cross the road while tracking with data sheets.
 - Attending committee members are interested in providing this - SL will schedule the training (3/29) as well as a hopeful amphibian crossing event depending on weather conditions for later in April
- 7) River Explorers; also Abenaki-focused river camp**
 - Instead of two camps, do a River Explorer camp with a couple of spots reserved for tribal members?
- 8) Montgomery Adventures boats**
 - Keith has offered to sell his canoe boats to UMATR for \$1200
 - How much is needed to store? Possible to in the basement of office?
 - Can fit under "outreach" suppliers for our funding umbrella
 - Committee is interested, but will have to wait until next meeting for quorum to vote
 - Who will hold the trailer registration? - Craig, Lindsey, or MRBA?

- JL or LW to look over the boats? JC to look at trailer?
- Seems like a good deal, will be on next meeting's agenda for committee discussion

9) Other/Public Comment

- DP - has other ideas for registering trailer for boats - let him know if MRBA doesn't work as registration holder
- Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers lunch next Wednesday - forward the invite when Alison Field-Juma sends it
- Last week WSR Hill Week - advocacy to congress
- JC - his email has been hacked, don't open attachments until he says otherwise!

10) Upcoming Meetings

- April 21 - 6:30PM - Zoom - Will have Jeff's presentation at the beginning of the meeting

11) Wrap Up and adjourn

- SS motioned to adjourn, DS seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.