

July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by President Martha Buracker.

Board members present: Martha Buracker, Kristen Pence, Nancy McDermott, Mary McKinney

17 members in attendance

Minutes read by Mary McKinney and approved as presented. Linda Glavis, Gene Raymond - approved

Treasurer's report

End of June - \$80,965.07

Checks \$701.59: mowing, reimbursement to Jim for lightbulbs

\$768.04 REC, Brightspeed, Chicken, Microsoft renewal

Deposits \$655 sales from Tom's and facilities renewals

\$80150.44 ending balance

1 - Outstanding check for Redbud check

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TBill Matures \$52K July 24

Letter from WC: \$2000; will send a written request for the money

Motion: Move to approve TBill renewal for 6 months at 4.32% Tom Lacombe, second Mike Prosise: approved

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Jim Sylvester, Roxanne Campbell: approved

Committee Reports

Trustees: no report

Scheduling: Report from Roxanne - Yard Sale July 18&19; Jesse has an art camp July 24&25; July 26 center is rented

History: no report

Gooney Valley History and Preservation: Working on the calendar – it is going to be even better than the current calendar! Sold 275 last year and hope to sell 300 this year. Request for \$3000 from BCCA for the upfront costs – will start with an order of 150. \$18 for preorder, \$20 afterwards. \$2281: net income from calendars last year. Sept 1 – Roger will need dates for upcoming calendar

Move to request BCCA allow the committee to use up to \$3000 for the 2026 calendar purchase: Tom Lacombe, Linda Glavis: Approved.

Brian Wilkinson is unable to attend this evening due to a medical emergency last week; he is recovering and will return next month. We wish him well.

BEARR Group: no report; Update from county fire chief: There are no official cooling centers in the county. They are just directing people to area businesses etc.

Ways and Means: Yard Sale July 18&19. Taking donations for the kitchen sales.

Supervisor Cullers: no report

Building committee: Jim Sylvester: stage area has been cleaned up prior to the yard sale; bird netting placed, sealed roof from birds; power washed; will paint after the yard sale. Parking lot has been graded. Boiler room: leak in the ceiling near chimney: repaired with new flashing and sealant. New flag outside thanks to Mike Prosise. Thank you to the group working on these projects.

Old Business:

Art camps have been merged; one more next week.

Jim Sylvester: Insurance on the building – Cincinnati Insurance Company: trying to check specifically on the coverage if there is an issue with our stove. Rec call Element directly, but they have directed him to the national number. Martha is still working on the indemnity insurance for the officers and trustees. She will follow up on the stove question at the same time.

Redbud wrap up meeting has not happened yet. Tentatively set for Monday, July 28 at 6pm. There will be a forthcoming message to see if that date works for most.

AED has new batteries. Warren County Citizen Fire Academy is returning – 7 week program: for adults. Sept 24, 6-9pm to November 5 on Wednesday nights.

Emma is working on the vendor application for the bazaar.

Nancie: Jackie asked if we want to move the newsletter to a quarterly paper v continuing monthly. Concern we will miss events if we go to quarterly. Martha is going to follow up with Bunky when he is well. We are also looking for someone to help keep up with the merchandise. There are only 2 vendors we use. Ordering and coverage for merchandise sales during events. Looking for interest in taking over these two items

4 Debit cards: Roxanne Campbell, Nancy McDermott, Martha Buracker, Patsy & Denny Pennington

Contacts continuing through Google maps. Phones looking up address for community center of events locally. Request to add a note on our website to let people know merchandise is available at Tom's. Gene is also looking at eventually adding a point of sale to the site. Tom periodically makes a FB post about the merchandise. Also asking to put a link with the URL on the newsletter.

New Business:

Trex bench – we can get one for free if we commit to collecting plastic for 1 year: 1000 pounds. Mike shared a flyer for consideration.

Watch out flooding and downed trees: these could be tangled in power lines.

We do not have a specific fund for the fire dept.

Browntown was shared as the #1 small town in VA.

Allan Brockway mentioned needing a new chainsaw to keep at the fire station. Motion to purchase a chainsaw for the fire dept from Rural King - \$369: Debbie Sylvester, Mike Prosis second: approved. Tax exempt form will be provided.

To do: urinals –Goal to have them done by the fall yard sale (Sept 12&13, 19&20). There are currently 2 toilets and 2 urinals. We could take both urinals out and replace with 1 toilet. Motion by Jim Sylvester, second Allan Broackway – Approved. Will work on contacting plumbers.

Gypsy moths update at BOS meeting last week: Edwin Wright: Cheryl requests we report defoliation d/t spongy moths. Dept of Forestry – is doing a grant program to help cover the cost of spraying; we need enough people reporting to get the coverage for reduced cost. Will help prevent loss of oak trees. They will likely not die during the first year or two, but if we allow them to continue into the 3-5 years, we will lose the oak trees. They would not be spraying until next year.

Motion to adjourn 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. Pence, DVM