

Switzkill Farm Board Meeting

Town of Berne
PO Box 57
Berne, NY 12023

Date: August 1, 2017

Board members present: Ted Kunker, Diane Kingston, Richard Ronconi, Mark Hohengasser, Mark Sengenberger, Lee Jones, Karen Schimmer (Town Board Liaison), Kathy Brown (Secretary) and other interested citizens.

Ted Kunker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Review of Minutes: The minutes from July 5, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Ronconi moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Sengenberger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: New Switzkill Farm brochures were passed out.

Guests: A representative from the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy was in attendance.

Business:

Ms. Schimmer reported on the following:

- Chance Townsend will be painting the barns
- Discussed income/expenditures from the Biofest and Summerfest
- A new tent is on order to replace the one with the missing parts
- Discussed with Board members the options for replacing/repairing the Lodge roof

Mr. Jones gave a Treasurer's report that income was \$675.

Mr. Kunker reported on the following:

- The website is up-to-date on upcoming events including a DEC Hunter Safety Course.
- Asked that the Land Committee formalize the parking lot locations.
- The blue bird trail will be forthcoming.
- The handicapped ramp is now installed on the Lodge. Bathrooms need to be updated to be in ADA compliance.
- Said that BKW representatives had expressed enthusiasm about taking advantage of the property and facilities for both teacher and student activities.
- Asked Board members whose term will expire this year to consider another one. Asked those deciding not to serve another term to let him know. Mr. Townsend indicated interest in serving on the Board.

Chance Townsend said the fire extinguishers in the Lodge and Retreat House need replacing.

Next meeting will be on September 5th.

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Kunker adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill Brown
Switzkill Farm Board Secretary