

## Switzkill Farm Board Meeting

Town of Berne  
PO Box 57  
Berne, NY 12023

**Date:** December 5, 2017

Board members present: Ted Kunker, Richard Ronconi, Lee Jones, Mark Hohengasser, Mark Sengenberger, Chance Townsend, Terry Schwendeman, Karen Schimmer (Board Liaison), Kathy Brown (secretary), and other interested citizens.

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

**Review of Minutes:** Minutes from the November 7th meeting were reviewed. Mr. Ronconi moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jones seconded and the motion passed, 7-0.

**Town Board Update:** Ms. Schimmer reported that curtains and rods have been ordered for the Lodge and a rug for the powder room. Grills are being considered. Mr. Townsend said the Town may have an extra which could be moved to Switzkill. Ms. Schimmer said the Town's insurance carrier has been contacted about the prospect of a radio-controlled car course in the park. The large rectangular wall area in the meeting room could be used for a donation tree similar to the one in the library.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Jones reported that: SF received \$413 in donations from various events; income for November was \$1,313; and, year-to-date income was \$10,270.52. Mr. Jones will contact Charlie Burgess about any remaining SF funds with Forever Rural.

**Land Committee:** Mr. Hohengasser reported that he's heard from a new volunteer who would like to help with the land committee. Said breakfast was a success however could have had a larger turn out if events were advertised more. Mr. Townsend suggested a "Winter Feast" for some time in January. Mr. Ronconi said that there are now 20 posts in place for blue bird boxes.

**Friends of Switzkill:** Karol Harlow said that the Friends are getting paperwork ready for tax purposes, have forwarded info to Town attorney and are awaiting a response. Ms. Schwendeman said that additional posts, photos and videos to Facebook page would help boost views.

### **Other:**

Mr. Kunker will send out an email to Board members regarding possible dates for a winter festival/gathering.

The Board recognized and thanked outgoing Board members, Charles Burgess and Mark Sengenberger, for their time and service.

Next meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:48 p.m. Mr. Hohengasser moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sengenberger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown  
Switzkill Farm Board Secretary