

Horse Pen Run Committee
Held Virtually via Zoom
May 10, 2023, Minutes

In Attendance: Vance Middleton, David Barrie, Bob Griesbach, Alys Jarvela, Tony Palm, and Catherine Neelley (PMP)

Absent: Steve LeHew, Aaron Emery, Taylor Couch, Benu Bhargava, and Stephanie Whitehouse

Due to some technical difficulties with Zoom, several members could not join the meeting. No motions were made at this meeting.

Dave Barrie called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

Native Wildflowers:

- The HPR committee received an update on the May 6 pollinator project and other projects. There was a great turnout for the Pollinator project.

Wooden trail signs in HPR:

- Steve and David completed installation of new signs this month.

Kubota

- The existing Kubota has been turned over to the HPR Committee.

Conservation Buffer

- Loudoun Water has rejected our request to plant bushes in the area where they removed trees. CountrySide legal counsel is reviewing the easement agreement and will advise. No further update.

Downed Tree on Trail

- A tree came down at the intersection of East River and Barred Owl Trails taking out a sign in its wake. Taylor and Tony met this past Friday at 4 PM to cut the tree and put up the sign. This issue has been resolved.

Trees Planted along the Gravel Road

- The trees were inspected by VA Master Gardener Tree Stewart and a report was sent to the committee. We will continue to monitor the trees.

Virtual meetings

- The committee will continue to hold virtual meetings. More information to follow.

Grass Cutting

- Grass cutting will be done either later in May or early June. Will require 2 drivers for the Kubota and tractor with grass cutting attachment. One driver will cut the "buffer" area. Eagle trail can only be cut with a lawn mower, need 1 person. Cside trail on the left coming out of Barred Owl needs to be cut with a lawn mower, need 1 person. Also, need 1-2 people to "walk" the main trails ahead of the Kubota and tractor to identify and clear rocks/branches/fallen trees to make it easy and quick to cut the trails. **Please advise if you can assist.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.
David Barrie