

Horse Pen Run Committee  
Held Virtually via Zoom  
June 14, 2023, Minutes

**In Attendance:** Steve LeHew, Vance Middleton, David Barrie, Alys Jarvela, Tony Palm, Benu Bhargava, Stacy Whitehouse and Catherine Neelley (PMP)

**Absent:** Aaron Emery, Taylor Couch, Bob Griesbach,

Dave Barrie called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Native Wildflowers:**

- The HPR committee received an update on the pollinator project and bee house from Alys. Alys mentioned that the Bee house was a Silver activity by the Girl Scouts. A group will be working on the pollinator habitat the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Conservation Buffer**

- Loudoun Water has rejected our request to plant bushes in the area where they removed trees. No further update.

**Trees Planted along the Gravel Road**

- The trees were along the gravel road, on the left just after the creek. Area has been mowed. Infrequent mowing disturbance is highly recommended by Virginia Master Gardener Tree Steward. Mulch could be added to buffer young trees if land management plan will continue to include mowing more than once or twice a year. 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- All has been done in HPR. Also, some of the trails were weed whipped. We had three Volunteers--Dale and Natasha Neff and Jim Bellmer and Benu, Andrew and Tony from the HPR committee.
- Tony and I checked out two of our old lawn mowers and decided to scrap them.
- Tony has taken one lawn mower to Sterling Mower Repair, to find out if it is worth repairing or not. He will continue to investigate and advise on what to do about the lawn mower.
- Benu will purchase a battery for the large lawn mower.

**Stream Remediation**

- Tony will distribute the latest information on the stream remediation project to the HPR committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

David Barrie