



Save Georgia's Hemlocks

7-14-13 Notes for SGH Leadership Team Meeting

A quarterly meeting of the Save Georgia's Hemlocks Leadership Team was held on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at Lake Winfield Scott. In attendance: Bob Pledger, Bruce Granger, Buz Stone, Chris Curtin, Dave Teffeteller, Donna Shearer, Frank & Linda Gheesling, Rose Mott. This meeting was short because it immediately preceded our Annual Meeting and Members Picnic.

Board matters

- * The following Board Members & Officers confirmed their continuing service – Chairman Donna Shearer, Vice Chairman Bob Pledger, Board Members Dave Teffeteller, Frank Gheesling, Bruce Granger, Chris Curtin, Buz Stone, Treasurer Rose Mott. Secretary Susan Chapman confirmed by phone.

Financial matters

- * Rose – Report on financial condition through end of June 2013: Income through June 30 is \$21,836; expenses are \$13,051.70; checking account balance is \$18,038.18.
- * Donna - Putting our resources to work: Group suggested focusing our help projects (other than USFS and DNR) on Scout Camps and school campuses.
- * Dave - Status of grant applications to North Georgia Community Foundation and Nature Conservancy: We are very hopeful concerning the NGCF grant to be used for treating waterfall trails. Fish and Game / Nature Conservancy will renew their grant application cycle.
- * Discussion of any adjustments needed to budget based on above decisions. None needed at present.
- * Molly Elmore has offered to raise funds by accepting pledges through Razoo for a Trail Run at Unicoi State Park in September.

Strategies and other activities

- * Bob - Progress report of accomplishments through end of 2nd quarter 2013
- * Bob - Discussion of plans for accomplishing outstanding strategy items
- * Dave - Report on Cartecay and future dates: Four projects dates have been completed; Mountain Stewards will begin helping in July on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- * Dave - Report on Facebook updates and activity: Dave is doing a great job!
- * Frank - Injector repair: Frank has narrowed the field to two companies and will make final choice next week.
- * Chris Dawn Davis' music, film making: If we can find the right place and if the film person is available, we'd like to start filming in late August/early September.
- * Bruce – T-shirt design and SGH slogan: Dave has adult T-shirt designed; Bruce will do a design for the kid version.
- * Susan - Festivals coming up, need volunteers to sign up; contacts made to new members: Had to cancel our booth at 4th of July Festival in Dahlonega because of rain; might do both weekends at Apple Festival (not sure yet); might do John C Campbell Folk Festival in October (not sure yet).
- * Donna - Participation in future events – see Calendar
- * Donna - Opportunity to partner with Ga Tech Trailblazers club: They will bring a large group of volunteers to our Hike and Help the Hemlocks in September.
- * Bob – Opportunities in Rabun County: May be able to schedule treatment projects at Camp High Harbor and Athens Y Camp.

Planning for Hike and Help the Hemlocks

- * Date is Saturday, September 28. Partnership with BMTA again. Will advertise heavily in advance.
- * If we have a large enough group, we'll work in two HCAs -- Clements Branch HCA in Fannin County and Mulkey near Coopers Creek with hike to nearby Sea Creek Falls for lunch and learn.
- * Will probably need 12-14 treatment teams with leaders and will encourage new Facilitators to participate. BMTA will provide hike leaders for those who just want to hike. Jim will take one group, and I'll take the other.
- * We'll provide injectors, work kits and supplies; USFS will provide chemicals and data sheets. Will probably need to borrow 7 or 8 injectors.

Next Board Meeting –

- * Sunday, Oct. 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Donna's house.