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Education and Outreach sub-committee

April 1, 2024 Minutes

Called to order at 4:05pm – Zoom meeting

In attendance: Dan Bowler (Hartland), Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted) Stephan Bastryzcki (River Steward), Andrew Petitdemange (NPS), Laura Hart (FRWA)

- a. **Grant Proposals: River Day celebration – The Barkhamsted School proposal – request for \$10,000** Discussion: we cannot fund the ice cream, and also think we should not fund the T-shirts. Important for River Day to have other funding sources to make it viable and sustainability in the long-term. Recommendation to the full committee to support it at \$5,000. Laura/Roger to follow up.
- b. **Paddling Film Fest – CCK -request for \$695 –** Discussion: Laura abstained due to CCK wanting this event to be a fundraiser for FRWA. Need more specifics on if all of the proceeds go to FRWA, and how this event is different from the Wild & Scenic Festival. Andrew to follow up with Melissa at CCK for these details.

Publications:

- a. Annual Reports have been printed, Laura to pick up from Goulet and start distributing, plus bring them to the next meeting.
- b. Laura to send out an email to the FRCC email list regarding all the April partner events.
- c. Colebrook Dam one-pager discussion with the new USACE edits. Andrew to revise and send out. No feedback from MDC, presume we can move forward.

Kiosks: Mary is working on Collinsville, which needs lots of edits and reduced text. Andrew, Stephan, Laura to work on, and Stephan to share with Sarah Faulkner. Laura to follow up with the Town of Canton to ensure they will install the kiosk and front panel before the David Sinish Boat Launch opening in May. Bill Winchester needs to be included in the install.

Outreach Events:

- a. April 9 – FALPS David Leff Trail opening at 1pm
- b. April 20 – FRAA River Cleanup 9-1pm
- c. April 27 - CCK event with River Steward and FRWA 10-5
- d. April 28 - Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival 12:30-5pm
- e. May 11 – David Sinish Boat Launch ceremony 10:30am

River Steward: Jr. River Ranger_Booklets being revised with Brigitte, first draft coming soon.

River Stewards: 3 returning steward, plus a friend already interested. Additional interviews happening. Discussion of including the River Stewards to help with a day or two working on the Nepaug Trails.

Other: Discussion of **paddling** trips for FRCC and LFSWS committee members to be lead and guided by Paula Saaf. Dan to help coordinate. Discussion of another DEEP/FRCC paddle. Stephan mentioned Mason Trumble is interested, Dan to plan event.

Wilderness First Aid training course potential to be offered by FRWA for their interns, volunteers, and staff, and for the River Stewards. Discussion of June training during the week. Laura to follow up with more details.

Adjourned 5:08pm ----