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Education and Outreach sub-committee

September 9, 2024 Minutes

Laura called to order at 4:32pm – Zoom meeting

In attendance: Matt Vinick (Canton), Stephan Bastryzcki (River Steward), Laura Hart (FRWA), Mario Santoro (Barkhamsted), Ciara Kilkenny (FRWA), Roger Behrens (Barkhamsted)

Quilt: no update

Publications:

- a. **The new Jr. River Ranger Booklets** to be picked up. Mario moved to pre-approve printing up to 500 more copies if we fall below 100 copies after the River Day event (will hand them out at the PSF 100th event and the Film Fest. NPS will print for free hopefully will be completed by next season. Laura 2nd. Passed unanimously.
- b. **Water Map** – working group Stephan, Laura, Ciara, Dan edits, then GIS updates in the fall
- c. **Kiosks** – Mary doing final edits and will order the 10 panels plus 2 front panels soon. NEMBA has a graphic designed that will create the other panels for the kiosks once the trails have been finalized. Jim Warner will help install the kiosks.
- d. **6 Monofilament receptacle signs** to be redesigned by Stephan in the winter.

Outreach Events:

- a. **River Day** – Stephan and FRWA to participate – same as before, 1 activities per grade. New main speaker, in honor of Pat Keener. Stephan will take the 3rd graders to Whittimore and do a scavenger hunt.
- b. **Open House** – one night event October 17th – flyfishing exhibit – flies as art Matt, Tom, and Torrey to reach out for exhibit. FRWA to bring collection and macroinvertebrate display – could also do a live demo. Matt to reach out. Travelin’ Trout with \$500 donation to Barkhamsted Land Trust. Need to find out display cases. Clear box used for flies to see. Need good lighting. Maybe a magnifying lights too. Laura to send out signup sheet for committee reps to bring food, drinks etc. Laura to send out Save the Date to email list.
- c. **PSF 100th anniversary** – Stephan to table at event. Planting a centennial white oak the day of – FALPS to use reminding grant funds for this.

River Stewards: Working on Film Fest video and end of summer report and events. Fall projects are new map, and signage. Great season with the stewards again.

Other: FRWA Film Festival grant request for \$2000 (two day event). Matt moved to approve, Roger 2nd, Dan emailed his yes vote in to subcommittee on 9/9 at 10:17am. Laura and Ciara abstained, Mario, Roger, Matt voted in favor.

FALPS has an intern, Emma Hardee, who is interested in helping Stephan/FRCC at events and projects. Stephan to reach out.

Adjourn.