

09-24-12

Membership Meeting Minutes

We had our Silent Auction – The money goes for Sponsorships to those who need assistance paying for their Wildlife Certification.

It was announced that rather than reading the Meeting Minutes, they are going to be sent and posted on line. The Meeting Minutes were Approved by consent.

Ronnie Nease with the Knox County Health Department came to talk about West Nile Virus, mosquitos and how to be proactive to prevent them. (This topic was suggested by Frank Adams – we encourage members to let us know what they want to hear about.) The Health Department covers the city and county. They do surveys to see where the mosquitos might be and they are tested for West Nile Virus. Things that are important to do for homeowners is to check our homes, check for water in tires, birdbaths, pools, wear proper clothing when out working in the yard, and use bug repellent. Try to get rid of all standing water. They are spraying for mosquitos now and the chemical has no residual, it is contact only. If you get the West Nile Virus, you will experience Flu like symptoms but they don't go away. There are 20-25 species of mosquitos in this area. Quex (?), a brown mosquito that is out only in the early morning and late at night, is the one that carries West Nile. Another suggested repellent is Avon – Skin-so-soft, which works for some. If you get a bite, don't scratch it as it can get infected. Try to take Benedryl. Wear light colored clothing. There were handouts at the meeting and anyone can go to their website [Knoxcounty.org/health - environmental health - vector control](http://Knoxcounty.org/health-environmental-health-vector-control). Ronnie said that he has to end his talk by saying "You still have to get out and exercise". He just warns people to follow a few precautions to prevent them from getting the West Nile Virus.

Nick Pavlis gave the State of the 1st District report. He talked about the amazing 15 miles of new trails. And AMBC is still making more trails. The JFG sign is up now – Yeah!!!! Visit Knoxville made sure this happened by giving in-kind advertising. This Wed the city will do a ribbon-cutting for the BLUE Ways, which is a map of the waterways in the area. This is very exciting news. This could be the first city with this type of map. Nick talked about other big things for South Knoxville, like The Urban Wilderness is coming along very well. The bridge is on schedule to be opened in June of 13. There will be a forum tomorrow at the South Knox Community Center Forum discussing roads, road improvements, sidewalks, and other things. South Knoxville Advisory Board is doing this Forum. Lastly, Nick talked about the selling of the book 'South Knoxville' was last night and did very well.

Robert McGinnis did not show to do the Cemetery stories. We decided to ask him to do it another time.

Police report – Officer Roark announced that he no longer has voice mail. He suggests using the email, which is posted on SWNA's website. He promises to respond. There is a rash of crimes happening that he has not seen in 3 years. 5 houses in a mile and ½ were broken into. Here on our side, there are cars are being broken into at this point. Don't leave stuff in your car and don't let people know if you have stuff like prescription drugs. They are known to break in if they think you have a particular prescription drugs. He suggests that we don't let anyone in if they knock and ask for anything. He briefly talked about the Shooting at Executive Inn and he stated that they are aware of the happenings there. He was asked to drive through the cemetery and he replied that he would. It was mentioned that there is also an issue with speeding on Moody and folks not being able to get their mail safely. Officer Roark said that they can offer to run radar, but there are no good places for a police car to sit and kind of be back out of sight. 9:30-11:30 is when the mail comes, and he said that the police would try to run radar there. He announced that October 2nd was National Night Out. He said that Scarlet Lane is doing one

and he asked if Meadow Hills would be doing one. Debbie Sharp agreed to let him know if Meadow Hills would do an event as well.

Bids were put in on the Silent Auction.

Treasures Report – There was a total of 359.50. There was 191.18 in the Wildlife portion and 148.15 in the SWNA portion. 20.00 was taken out of the Wildlife portion for to certify the park. This left a total of 339.50. It was approved for audit. The report will be emailed in the future.

Welcome Packets!!!! They are now here – Janice explained that SKNBC got a Grant from East Tennessee Foundation to put these together and she showed one to the group. We announced that Kat will be the point person. An email will go to SWNA and the person will take a packet to the new homeowner.

WHoSW – The 30,000 grant that Kathy Hitchcox wrote was officially granted to the WHoSW group for the creation of a 'Labitat', outdoor classroom and Amphitheater. Yeah!!! Currently 21 homes are certified and we need 50, so ask your neighbors and friends to get certified. We have generous donors who are going to do 15 sponsorships to help pay for families needing assistance with their certification. So get the word out about that as well. If people need assistance they will be able to keep it confidential by talking to Kathy Hitchcox.

Joanna spoke about the newsletters and how there is a need for ongoing help to keep them going. Money is needed as we don't bring in enough money to send out the newsletters quarterly. There was the suggestion to get sponsorships to pay for the newsletter per year, which was brought up once before. Roe offered to join as a business member. A suggestion was made that we use the money for the silent auction for the newsletter. The group agreed that all of the money from the silent auction could be used for the newsletter.

Janice made announcements:

Community Forum tomorrow

Voting location from South Doyle Middle School has been moved and is now at the community center or dogwood Elementary. People will have gotten their new voter registration cards in the mail.

Early voting location still TBD, however Election Commission is committed to a Chapman Highway location.

Frank Adams asked if he could get a copy of the By Laws. Janice said that she will post, send out a link.

There is a Benefit for James White Fort on Friday October 26th. It is the Hearth Scares Ball. It is a \$75.00 per person fundraiser. You dress up for Halloween.

Meeting was adjourned.