

NEPRA Conference Committee Minutes

Oct. 26, 2005

Walden Pond, Concord, MA

Present: Dave Townley-President, Steve Carlin-Vice-President, Lisa Carlin-Secretary,
Joan Townley-Treasurer, Rick Magee-Member-at-large, Alex Hall-Member-at-large

Absent: Jenn Stowe-Member-at-large, Jeff Mangum

Secretary's Report:

Checked the mailbox Oct 24

1 renewal

4 registered for the conference at this time

E-mail people on 11/1 to remind them about the conference

Mug up!! – Bring a mug for coffee

Treasurer's Report:

See handout

Website Update:

1. New domain name "yankeeranger.org" successfully launched. Old domain name of "rangernepra.com" now prompts folks to update their bookmarks to the new domain name.
2. All web site business was transferred to a new host www.namesecure.com.
3. The Yahoo account was canceled on Oct 6, 2005. Joan, there should be no more charges after October. Keep an eye on your credit card statements.
4. No more web site costs until Sep 24, 2006, when the 1-year web hosting service expires. Total cost for 1 year was \$95.04 for hosting + \$3.99 for yankeeranger.org + \$7.49 to transfer rangernepra.com = \$106.98. Joan, I still need to be reimbursed for \$7.49. **Joan will send out a check**
5. So far there have been 49 web site visits in SEP and 181 visits in OCT (as of the 22nd). Many of those were probably me checking my updates.
6. I experimented with 4 different Message Boards. Two of them I couldn't get to work and the other 2 Lisa, Steve, and Jenn have tried. The best by far is the latest, found at www.yankeeranger.org/cgi-bin/teemz/teemz.cgi. Please discuss whether or not you'd like to hide the link on a members-only page, which would require a login/password to view.
We like the message board but not everyone has had a chance to get on it and check it out. This item is tabled until after the conference.
7. Thank you to Lisa for providing updates to the Training and Jobs pages. Thank you to Jenn for sending updates for the Photos page.
8. Jenn & Alex I still need digital photos of you for the Contact Us page.

9. Overall, the web site is in good shape and fully functional. To make it a valuable site, just keep the updates rolling in.

Newsletter Report:

Next issue will go out Nov. 20

Dave – I need the President's letter

Jenn – I need info / picture regarding your award

Dan is going to send part 3 of his article

Anything else??? Please send

Conference 2005:

Sign placement – Steve, Dave & Joan

Registration (8:30-9) – Lisa, Need a table in lobby

Need tables in the lobby for coffee, breaks, displays, raffle table, lunch

Welcome – Dave

Introduction by Jeff (act as room host)

Keynote (9-930) – Dick O'Brien

****Jeff can you e-mail him and see if he needs anything special?***

Introduction by Lisa (act as room host)

"Living with Coyotes" John Maguranis (930-1045)

Break (1045-11)

Introduction by Joan (act as room host)

"Making Green" – Steve Adams (11-1215)

Lunch (1215-1)

Business Meeting (1-115)

Treasurer's Report

Elections:

Vice President

Secretary

3 Member-at-Large

Introduction by Jenn (act as room host)

Working with Mass Sex Offender (115-230)

Break (230-245)

Introduction by Steve (act as room host)

Brian Donahue – Woodlands and Wildlands (245-4)

Raffle – Steve (4-430)

Closing

Optional Building Tour with Dick O'Brien (430-5)

Raffle:

Use the letter Steve drafted

Let Steve know when you get something

What about recyclable / paper pencils

Bring Digital cameras – take pictures for the website.