

Reversing Falls Sanctuary  
Draft Minutes for July 22, 2019 Board Meeting

## Opening/Centering

Kathleen opened with Wesley McNair's The Rhubarb Root because it reminded her so much of the original women of North Brooksville.

## Approval of board minutes from the June meeting

Approved.

## Treasurer's report

- \$19,955.93 current balance. Not all of the Climate Change Conference funds/expenditures have been included.
- All credit card charges need to have receipts available for Karen. The monthly statement does not describe the actual charges well enough for the accounting report.
- The event co-sponsored with the Bagaduce Watershed Association (BWA) raised \$92.00 in donations. It is not clear how the money should be shared in co-sponsored events. Since most of the work was done by BWA it was decided that the donated funds should go to them, minus the \$25.00 RFS building use fee.

The board discussed the role of being a sponsor and what does sponsorship mean?

**Decision:** *It was decided that it was appropriate for the RFS board to clarify its role as a sponsor and make explicit agreements based upon each event. One RFS representative must work the organization co-sponsoring the event and the board must be informed of these events. Our mission encourages community partnerships and the Program team is encouraged to continue their role in organizing and approving co-sponsored events, but the Board should be informed. Guidelines could be developed for co-sponsors in need of event planning guidance.*

**Action:** *Daksha will develop a guideline template for the board to review. The program team will inform the board on sponsored events that were agreed on.*

## Old Business

Program Team Report: Anne reported on the RFS events and co-sponsored events scheduled during August.

Climate Convergence Report: Anne reported that It was hard work but a fabulous event. Presenters and participants were very extremely inspired by the quality of the presenters and participants. WERU, Kane Lewis, and Peace Action Maine were all recording the event. Students from Deer Isle Stonington High School, and Mount Desert Island High School participated. Magnolia Vandiver (George Stevens Academy) opened the day with her poems. Many thanks to Kathleen for her expertise and hard work creating the Web page which was essential for organizing and promoting the conference.

Building and grounds Report: A work day needed on August 3rd or 4th to do the prep work for a building work day on August 11 or 12.

Gallery Within: Nothing is scheduled for August. Kathleen recommended Sarah Elliot (from Bucks Harbor Market) might be a good candidate for GW internship.

Steeple Report: The committee will bring a proposal to the August meeting which includes costs, and visual plan for a board decision.

Safe Sanctuary Plan: Bec will make the revisions post on the website by August meeting.

Callahan Mine: N/A

Fund-raising: Bec strongly encouraged a mind-set where everything RFS did would have a fund-raising element to it. Promoting and encouraging financial support for the facilities projects should happen in a much more integrated way to build a community focused on rescuing this building. She recommended an End of Summer party to celebrate and initiate the steeple project and build community. Martha/ Kathleen/Bec will organize this for shortly after Labor Day.

RFS mission statement – has been updated on website.

Brooksville Comprehensive Plan Web site now includes Anne's written reflection.

**New business:**

Kathleen reviewed the current board member terms: Approved Board member terms:

Daksha (Pres.)	Exp. May 31, 2021
Bec (Vice Pres.)	Exp. May 31 2021
Kathleen	Exp. May 31 2019
Anne (Secretary)	Exp. May 31, 2019
David	Exp. May 31, 2020
Karen	Exp. May 31, 2022
Martha	Exp. May 31, 2020
Ralph (replaced Doug 2018)	Exp. May 31, 2021
Lisa (replaced Lindsey)	Exp. May 31, 2020
Gary Ex Officio	

Anne feels the program team is her strength and would be happy to give up her seat to another. Kathleen is also happy to maintain her role as the web administrator and could also give her board seat. Both are willing to remain on the board until new board members can be found.

Ralph noted that each board has the responsibility to assess its needs in order to find new board members to meet those needs. Bec recommended that the next meeting the board should focus on yearly goals as well as any long-term goals (3-5-year goals) in order clearly understand the organizational needs.

**Action:** The August agenda will include 1 hour dedicated to goal setting. A Board member nominating committee will be formed at the August meeting with a charge to search for new board members. The RFS board would like to continue creating a representative board that included: young people as well as those interested in fundraising.

Next meeting: Monday August 26, 2019 9am. Bec will facilitate/ Ralph will take notes.

## July 2019 Reports

**Program report:** n/a

**Callahan Mine Project:** n/a

**Building and Grounds report:** B&G is meeting directly before the board meeting to discuss the next steps to take with the bathroom/kitchen work project. I've got a call in to Scott Koester re: painting to pin down a schedule as I thought he would have been working on RFS by now. The water tests have come in and the water is good to use. The report will be in the file cabinet archives.

**Gallery Within report:** The exhibit planned for August, Joy Biddle Retrospective, was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Temporary display of the Brooksville students earth day prayer flags is up. Pedestals have received new coats of paint. The 2 folding screen units are still WIP.

### Volunteer Hours:

Martha	(June) 4, (July) 8
Kathleen	(July) 5
Anne	(July )12
Bec	(June )8, (July) 5
Ralph	(June) 5, (July) 5