

Kimball Lake Cabin Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021

Present: Ricardo R., Ed F., Glenn S., Carl G., Lee W., Jim S., Paula S., Louise C.

Meeting started at 5:00 p.m. at the Kimball Cabins.

Lee has been in touch with Barb Jenkins to see if the Kimball Cabin Crusaders were coming this year to do their annual spring clean-up at the cabins. Barb had sent out an announcement asking students and parents to come and assist a few hours one day during April vacation. Barb will let Lee know what day they will be coming and approximately how many volunteers. Depending on how many volunteers we have, we will attempt to pick up the sticks on the lawn, cut up the downed tree into firewood and pick up fallen limbs along lake shore.

The gutter on cabin one needs to be reinstalled. Carl mentioned he had a section of copper gutter that he would bring to see if it is the right size for the front steps. If not, we will use the plastic gutter that is in storage.

Lee mentioned that he still has lawn fertilizer left over from last year and will get together with Ed to organize a light fertilization. They will keep a safe distance from the shoreline while spreading the fertilizer.

The interior of cabin #1 will need to be reorganized from the winter activities. Paula said she will take that task on and will let us know if she needs helps. This could possibly happen during the volunteer day and have a student assist her. The posts will need another coat of powder post beetle pesticide now spring is here to make sure the emerging larvae is killed. All the cabins will be inspected for signs of powder post beetle damage and spray as needed. Cabin 3 interior may need a quick cleaning and decide if the wood strips that were added between some of the logs will need to be stained to better match the existing logs.

Cabin 2 will need a second coat of the KLC Brown stain on the entire cabin. The porch railings will need to be completed and any minor repairs that may still be remaining.

Cabin 4 was pretty much cleaned out last fall and will finish cleaning up whatever still remains. Items used during the summer that were stored for the winter will be placed back out if needed and winter items will go back inside. The porch will be removed due to the extent of damage. When the porch is replaced, its roof pitch needs to be adjusted so that snow will slide off the new green metal. The "bump out" along the cabin's rear wall will need to be removed to stop further water damage to the cabin's corner. This cabin was put on hold for any extensive work to be done at this point in time so a coat of stain will be applied to help preserve the logs in their current condition.

Paula gave the committee an update of how the recreation department may use the cabins for the summer camp program. She has hired several instructors who will work with small groups of kids in the cabins or on the lawn. Some of the projects may include building fairy houses from

items they collect around the area, making birdfeeders using pine cones and other projects made from nature. A water source will be needed in order for the kids to wash their hands so the committee will work with Paula to build a temporary wash area using the large white water tank ~~container~~ that has been used in the past for a water source.

A boy scout had approached Paula about doing an Eagle Scout project at the cabins. His idea was to build a shed to hold firewood somewhere near the current rock fire pit. After a discussion the committee would rather, he came up with another idea because the future of the existing fire pit is unknown at this time. We thought having the wood undercover so close to the fire pit may also invite people to start illegal fires without getting the appropriate permit. It was suggested he consider the removal and replacement of the porch on cabin 4. Some of the committee volunteers would supervise the project. Paula will get back in touch with the scout to offer that suggestion and to see if he has other projects in mind. She will keep the committee updated.

Lee advised the committee we still have adequate funds to accomplish the work that needs to be done this year.

Carl brought up the discussion that we need to start forming a plan on who will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the cabins and property after we have accomplished our mission. This could be forming a Friends of Kimball Cabin Committee. Once we have a proposal it can be submitted to the Select Board for the Town to take over the continued maintenance that is going to be needed. We are to start brainstorming what we would like to see happen so this can be discussed again at a later date. It is the hope by the end of this season we will have a plan in place.

It was noticed that the dirt driveway was getting in rough shape. Louise will reach out to DPW to see if they could grade the road when they have the time.

The next meeting will be held as needed. The committee will resume work the first Wednesday in May starting at 9:30 a.m. until noonish.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Carr