

Fox Island Nature Center Committee Meeting Minutes  
4 August 2016

Attendees: Ed Burrough, Nan Feagin, Philip Craven, Terry Wall, Thomas Mann, and Terry Mace.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Old Business:

- Ed reviewed the work accomplishments in July. We trimmed back vegetation on the trails, staked young trees, checked the experimental Canary Reed Grass plot, dug out blackberries, hauled out blackberry remains, conducted two Kid's Nature Photography tours, completed the FINC brochure and hosted the Fox island Beach Walk.
- Ed reviewed the progress on the Kid's Photo Exhibition. There were three kids participating in the photo tours and each will submit two photographs for display at the FICRA Fair. We decided to put up last year's submissions to generate more interest
- Ed reminded us that the FICRA Fair was on 13 August from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Terry Wall will attend the booth from 11:00 to 1:00; Philip will attend from 1:00 to 3:00; Thomas and Ed will take the last shift to the 6:00 tear down. We decided to have some jars with native plants displayed and to have the new brochures available on the table.

New Business

- Ed showed the Committee the article in "Fox Island Living" about the cleaning of the brick pathway in the entrance of the Nature Center. We talked about the implications of this work and will discuss this further with the FICRA Trust.
- We discussed the idea of putting small trailside plant identification signs at various points in the Nature Center. We agreed that the signs should be neither large nor numerous. We discussed two options: First, placing a small sign, perhaps on a wooden shingle, near the selected species; second, placing a small post near the selected species with a number keyed to a brochure available at the entrance might be useful for visitors. The brochure could have an outline of the leaf of the named plant and/or a drawing or description of the plants basic shape and size. We will discuss these options further.
- Ed described the clearing of the neighbor's land adjacent to the southwest corner of the Nature Center. Ed thought it might be a good opportunity to find the property boundary accurately and remove any Scotch Broom on the Nature Center's property.

Next work parties – August 20 and September 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Next FINCC meeting – September 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Nichols Center

FICRA Fair – August 13

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.