

## **Brooks Nature Area**

**July 14, 2002**

**Members present:** Dave Phaner, Margaret Steele, Ben Lark and Janet Schoenmeyer

**Members absent:** Patty Hoch-Melluish, Scott Vanderberg, Justin Miller and Brian Huggett

**Technical Advisors present:** Don Jewett

- A. The minutes of the May 19, 2022 regular meeting were approved.
- B. The July 14, 2022 agenda was approved.
- C. No guests attended the meeting.
- D. Dave Phaner stated that BNA monies as of July 1, 2022: \$40,525.08.  
Brian Huggett not present, so Margaret Steele will give Brian her suggestions which will include areas that she thinks should be closed and signs that need to be removed. All BNA benches need to be marked on the map.  
Dave will help Margaret with deciding location of the bat houses. Don Jewett stated that the purple martin house will need a new post, but the old post needs to be removed so that he can decide the new length needed.
- E. Don reported that the BNA has 30 birdhouses; final goal is 36. Don counted 100 eggs of all species; 4 bluebird nests this year. He will soon be making the rounds for birdhouse maintenance. He also said that the Songbird trail gets wet; difficult to walk at times. Mice have been spotted in some birdhouses. He will try to come up with a way to discourage them.
- F. Dave reported that a group of volunteers are still needed to spread the piles of mulch on the west end of the Old Growth Forest and the Woodland Loop. Invasives on the trail by the lake need to be weed whacked. Some of the trails near the woods have low over hanging branches that need to be pruned.
- G. Dave will contact BCK Cisma to go ahead with another spray of invasives.
- H. Dave thanked Jim Schoenmeyer and Don Jewett for repairing the soffit on the pavilion roof. He also thanked Janet Schoenmeyer for varnishing the picnic tables.
- I. No decision on trail camera idea. Discussion of a QR code on one of the information board signs at the park entrance to direct people on how they can donate to BNA, since to place an unsupervised donation box in the park is unrealistic.
- J. Dave reported that the Stuart Lake Association gave \$400 to boy scout Aaron Couch to help finance his park bench project.
- K. Adjourn.  
Respectively submitted,  
Janet Schoenmeyer