



Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Location: Dunn Brothers, (first floor meeting room)

Attendance: Kerri Seemann, Bob Tacke, Steve Erler, Jessica Skalicky

1. Update on AH Foundation check

Steve was able to reach Sarah May, who had not yet opened a bank account for AHG. Steve now has the \$100 check from the Foundation. The question now is who will be Treasurer and where/how to open a bank account. Steve heard that Bremer Bank doesn't have monthly fees.

Action Item (AI): Steve will look into the requirements for opening an account at Bremer Bank.

2. Cummings Volunteer Events

Several volunteers from Boston Scientific helped to dig burdock at Cummings Park last week. The weather was good on Tuesday and decent progress was made, but pouring rain on Wednesday resulted in us quitting after about an hour.

AI: Another volunteer event is scheduled for tomorrow at Cummings. Kerri will borrow shovels from Public Works.

3. Other

Jessica Skalicky, the new Parks & Rec Manager for Arden Hills, accepted our invitation to attend the meeting. We had wide-ranging discussions about our group, what we're working on, challenges, natural resource issues, the scope of the Parks Master Plan, advice from Minnetonka's Natural Resource department (regarding volunteer engagement), etc.

Questions:

- How does Minnetonka authorize volunteers to use herbicide daubers when managing buckthorn? And can we do it here?
- What grass seed was used in Cummings & Floral Parks last fall?
- Why can't other woody species be mixed in with piles of buckthorn for pickup? Do they need to be disposed of separately? If we get permission to remove other woody invasive species, how can they be disposed of?

AI: Kerri will follow up with Jessica to try to find answers.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday, July 30th 2:00-3:30pm: Dunn Brothers (first floor)

Sunday, Aug. 24th 3-5pm: Dunn Brothers (first floor)