

## **Bluemont Citizens Association October 12, 2023**

### **Meeting Minutes - E.E. Lake Store**

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In Attendance: (12) Peter Weeks, John Constant, Dave Ewald, Marilyn & Tom Rust, John Sullivan, Cynthia Morris, Bill Bogard

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM, Peter Weeks – presiding

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**President's Remarks:** Fall issue of the Bugle is coming out soon. Many A.T. events happening this month at Bears Den.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Financial report below.

#### **Standing Committees:**

- **Bluemont Fair** – Saturday's attendance was 4,500 (best since 2016). Total attendance was 5,635 with a rainy Sunday. ½ price tickets Sunday because of fewer vendors was a friendly PR gesture. A few mishaps and accidents, but overall a big success, and around \$30K in profit pending final bill payments.

- **Bluemont Heritage** – Quilt exhibition did break previous record set last year of 632 visitors with 674 people coming thru the turnstiles. As a result. we are getting new members and sales! New store tenant is a vintage clothing and gift store and while there she has sold several hundred dollars of Fair merchandise. She will sign a lease contract starting in January, 2024.

- **Loudoun Historic Village Alliance** – In October a survey will be delivered to the community to gauge what people in the community feel is important to them so far as the special zoning ordinances for the Village. John Constant spoke strongly that he believed little or no change is needed in the ordinances that would infringe on a person's property rights. Public meetings and public education about the ordinances will be forthcoming in 2024.

#### **Community Organizations/Events:**

- **Snickersville Turnpike** – New merchandise available Sundays at the Lake Store. The Turnpike commemoration of being added to the National Register of Historic Places on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Plaster Field was a success, with Marvin Watts & Gene Scheel the main speakers.

**Appalachian Trail Committee-** Community celebration slated for Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2:00pm at Beard Den. Music, food, fun!

**Old Business:**

- Local residents selling wares at Lake Store thru end of 2023.

**New Business:**

- Route 7 Traffic Study – Peter Weeks & Bill Bogard joined the Planning Board to help make traffic safety changes on Rte. 7 between Purcellville and the Clarke County line, described by attendees as treacherous, dangerous, and speedy.

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**Adjournment: 8:00 PM**

**Next Meeting: November 1, 2023**

**Submitted By: Peter Weeks**

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