

**Knot in Hyde Park Committee**  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 5:30 PM

***MINUTES***

Meeting by Zoom opened at 5:30. W. Lane, T. Pearson, R. Pearson, F. Landrey, and M Walz in attendance; Joined by Kaylie Kneeland from Hyde Park and St. Michael's.

Apologies: T. Breese, K. Moore.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5:30 PM**

Committee welcomed Kaylie who wants to join our effort and volunteer as part of college environmental restoration project. Our lack of social media presence/expertise was noted and Kaylie agreed to work with Kirsten to work on Instagram/Facebook to improve access/outreach with people who might be interested but not reached by FPF.

Rich reported that he had spoken with R. Moore at LCPC re fed funds. VTrans does not intend to pursue federal monies allocated for treatment of invasives. Rational for declining not clear.

Update re the summer's pilots. 1. Using herbicide at key sites; individual outreach to land-owners is on-going. 2. Possibility of placing goats at gamble to demonstrate potential of live-stock control. MW has discussed the idea in principle with an interested goat-keeper. WL to help follow-up.

There was also discussion about the short-term needs to dispose of roots, 1 and 2 years old that exist at various sites - how best to do that. But also the larger longer-term/sustainable/scalable need to have a method/location for disposing safely of materials. Short-term solution is burning safely or leaving in an observed pile. To be continued at April meeting.

Fieldwork site-specific discussions throughout. MW to create a document listing sites that need attention so all can contribute/update/amend. Cricket Hill site among others. Both in relation to pilots, but also more generally. Friends of GRR are interested in trying to control patches of KW along the access road and will be looking for volunteers.

R. Rodjenski joined the meeting midway.

Discussion about creating some kind of forum to engage people ended where it has before: individual outreach works well; gatherings are not well-attended; food and drink work wonders. To be continued.

Meeting adjourned around 6:30 PM.