

Stewardship Committee – June 2026

Committee met at the Library as planned (May 20 7:30PM-8:30PM) and met with Myles, who is a new volunteer and will be taking the summer off to volunteer and explore with our organization (among others). We discussed the issues facing BMBC and basically determined the role of Stewards as the people who maintain trails when they get overgrown or have trees falling across them. I think it's fair to say that we're comfortable with this definition, since all of us are working professionals who mainly seem interested in volunteering on an as-needed basis.

We also agreed that hike leaders will have to be our “eyes and ears” as to the issues on the trails, since they are in the BMBC area most frequently and explore the largest variety of sites within it. They should report these issues to Stewardship (and probably the volunteer coordinator) to help recruit volunteers to come in with hand tools to attack the issue on, again, an “as-needed” basis.

Finally, on Sunday, May 24th, Lisa, Myles, and I hiked the Ash Lake Loop for about 4 hours in BMBC to get a feel for what kinds of trail issues we may face and possible solutions. There are several overgrown sections that could be cleared away with axes and saws as well as two flooded areas that will require either trail rerouting or moving deadfall to create primitive “bridges”. These projects could be done on a casual basis, but moving logs will definitely require more than 2 or 3 people!

Right now, Mark, Lisa, and I are in talks to meet up at some point to discuss what Mark has from previous Stewardship groups. Mark offered to be a Board representative for Stewardship and basically act as a liaison to the Stewardship Committee. That will probably happen next weekend, but nothing is set as of yet.