

F O W
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 25, 2010

Present: Lars A. (Vice-President), Alma M. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Vicki Schow (Webmistress), Sandy C. (membership), Mark Schow (Landmine Race Director), Carl C., Sandy F., Donald C. (new member), Wayne S. (new member), Carold B., Pam J. Steve Gammon (Park Supervisor)

Number Present: 13

1) Opening Remarks

Lars chaired the meeting, as Bill had to work tonight and was unable to attend. Introductions were made of those present.

2) Vice-President's Report (Lars)

Lars didn't have much to report, so we went right into the various officer reports.

3) Secretary's Report (Alma)

Alma noted that Priscilla Andrews sent her an e-mail to make sure the membership understood they were still planning to donate a bench to the park.

4) Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane noted that we ended the year with a little over \$13,000 in the budget, and now have a little over \$12,000. She gave Mark a breakdown of last year's Landmine Budget breakdown. He will contact her for further information about vendors.

5) Membership Report (Sandy C.)

Sandy said we have 88 entries, which include couples and families. He has 13 entries who have not renewed. He plans to talk to Bill about these members, and may cross them out. Three of them were benefactors (of at least \$100 donation), so he's not sure how to handle that. Lars suggested he call or e-mail Bill. Jane asked him to give her the names of those who have not renewed, and she will try to contact them.

She also mentioned there are members who have not given their e-mail address and they should have a way to know how to get our monthly information. She asked Sandy to write the website address and how to get our information online in his welcome letter. Pam set up a google mail account, and suggested these new members be told to send her an e-mail with their e-mail address if they want to receive more information about the group.

When Pam is elected, Alma will send Pam secretarial information at: fowsecretary@gmail.com, and also notify officers and members who usually send her information that Pam will be receiving this information.

6) Webpage Report (Vicki)

Vicki will clarify what the Wompyfriends group is on the website, and will also plan a Landmine page.

7) Trails Report (Tyler was absent)

Our new members, Donald and Wayne, were out riding and said the trails are very snowy.

8) Landmine Race Report (Mark/Vicki S.)

They have a race application to show Steve G. after the meeting. Mark wants to advertise with NEMBA. For one issue, a quarter page is \$190, a half page is \$338, and a full page is \$600. There are 6 issues per year, which is sent out to 4500 members and also distributed at bike stores. Jane said she didn't care how much they spend as long as they don't overspend their budget. Pam noted that if they advertise in 3 different issues they could track how many people registered for each of those issues.

Jane did not include the cost of renovating South Field in the Landmine budget, because that was a permanent "fix" for the park, and not just a race expenditure. Steve G. asked if they would be using the berm, and Mark said yes. It was noted that we need to budget on fixing up slippery bridges. Jane said our current largest expense would be paying for the muck truck in advance. She said if we plan to pay for it in advance, we don't want to be out \$8000 or \$9000 before they need it for the budget. They will bring a budget proposal on the advertisement for voting to the next meeting.

9) Old Business

- Update on Muck Truck/Trail Grant (Steve G./Steve C. [absent])
Steve G. will contact Steve C. for purchasing information on it. Mark suggested they get an option on it to load lumber.
- Update on Anti-slip Bridge effort (Mark/Vicki)
Mark said he and Vicki went to trail building school, and purchased aluminum metal lathe 3 months ago for a bridge at NW5. They worked on all 130 ft. of the bridge in about 30 min. on Dec. 19th. Steve G. had them use this bridge as a test to see how the metal will hold up under weather and use conditions. As a test, they put a small piece of it in salt water at their home, and it has not shown damage in all of this time.

Submitted by,
Alma R. McDermott (past Secretary) and
Pam Johnson (new Secretary)

Continuation of Meeting Minutes

Board Election

The slate of officers was presented. A vote was taken for the slate. The vote was unanimous.

2010 Officers:

President: Bill Boles
VP: Lars Ahlzen
Treasurer: Jane Goldberg
Secretary: Pam Johnson
Webmistress: Vicki Schow
VP of Trails: Tyler Eusden
Membership: Sandy Cole
Race Director: Mark Schow

Our most enthusiastic thanks were extended to Alma, retiring secretary, for her outstanding contributions to FOW!

New Business

Trail Care

Dane from REI asked for a schedule of Trail Care days for 2010. Lars will email Bill Boles and Steve Cobble to coordinate dates that will not conflict with other organizations. Lars will get back to Steve Gammon with proposed Trail Care dates to ensure there will be no conflicts with scheduled park events. Lars will contact Dane with finalized dates. A motion was made and seconded for Lars to work on coordinating 4 Trail Care dates for 2010.

GPS Tracks

Lars will work on creating GPS tracks that can be posted on the website and downloaded or printed. He will make a prototype to share at the next meeting. The tracks and maps can be placed in the Visitor Center and kiosks.

Pump Track

Carl initiated a discussion about building a Pump Track in the park. This is a very detailed and involved project requiring experience, extensive planning and is expensive to build. At one time discussion had addressed whether or not profits from Landmine would be used to fund this project. All agreed that a Pump Track would only be used by a very small group of riders. Note was made that if NEMBA was interested in building a track, FOW could support that effort as opposed to fully funding the project. We can address this at the next meeting with Tyler, Steve C. and Bill Boles.

Next Meeting

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE DUE TO HOLIDAY!

Monday, February 22nd at 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Johnson, FOW Secretary