



February 20, 2012

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Present

Bill B. (President), Pam J. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C. (Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), John K. (Boston Snow Dogs & FOW), Tyler E. (Landmine), Carold B. (FOW), Malcolm N. (FOW & Ames Nowell), Mia B. (Girls Scouts of America), Vickie C. (Girl Scouts of America)

Number present: 12

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

#### Opening Remarks and Introductions (President Bill Boles)

Bill welcomed everyone and all present introduced themselves.

#### VP Report (Bill B. for Lars)

Bill reported for Lars. The mailing labels and envelopes are prepared for the membership mailing. Sandy will complete. We will look forward to Lars' report in March.

#### Secretary's Report (Pam)

With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the January Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept. Pam also brought to everyone's attention the New England Runner calendar featuring Alma (formerly the FOW secretary) on the cover!

#### Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the current balance in the FOW account is \$26,086.69.

Tyler reported that he has one more invoice for Landmine 2011 and has not received an invoice from Root 66. Recent purchases include the stone and gravel.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported that there were a few renewals last month, but no new members. Sandy will be mailing an FOW map and dues renewal reminder notice to all members. Thanks to Lars for the envelopes and labels. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Webpage Report (Vicki – supporting the website from China!)

Bill B. read an email report from Vicki, who continues to maintain the FOW website from afar! The Winter 2012 newsletter has been added to the website and all of the minutes are up to date. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January Webpage Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

#### Nomination/Election of Officers (Bill. B – President)

Bill announced that nominations for all FOW officer positions had been posted. Bill asked if anyone present had any additional nominations; there were none. Pam reported that the FOW membership had been asked to submit nominations; none were submitted.

**Nomination/Election of Officers (Bill. B – President) - Continued**

**2012 Slate of FOW Officers**

President: Bill Boles  
Vice President: Lars Ahlzen  
Treasurer: Jane Goldberg  
Secretary: Pam Johnson  
VP Trails: Carl Casale  
Membership: Sandy Coles  
Landmine: Tyler Eusden  
Web Manager: Vicki Schow

A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of FOW officers as posted for 2012; the vote was unanimous to accept.

**Adopt-A-Trail (Tyler)**

Tyler reported that he is near finishing the set up for the program and will email the links to Pam to be tested. If all links work, Pam will email the FOW membership.

**Trail Care Report – South Field (Carl C. – VP Trails)**

Carl reported that a tremendous amount of work has been completed at South Field for the planned expansion. Steve G. reported that a team from Nantasket Beach worked for two mornings to help clear the perimeter. Many thanks go out to the Nantasket crew! Nantasket and Wompatuck are now working in the same district and we look forward to a continuing relationship.

Carl had 60 yards of stone delivered and dropped for trail maintenance. Trails to be repaired include: C5-C10; NW4-NW8, NW5-W1. There will also be work on South Field to provide better drainage at the entrance to the field.

Carl also wants to add a little berm for the kids' race (Landmine) and plans to top off the little hills in the parking area to level the field.

Trail Care dates were discussed. Tyler suggested we have specific projects identified for each event to encourage volunteers to work on the types of projects they might enjoy. Suggestion was also made to reduce the number of Trail Care events to allow for better planning and to encourage attendance.

**2012 Trail Care Dates**

March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Park Serve Day
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	National Trails Day
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	

**Old Business**

*Landmine 2013*

Tyler reported that the USACycling and DCR permits are almost completed. Landmine 2012 will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued regarding planning a rain date for Landmine. Steve G. said he had penciled in the 16<sup>th</sup> for a rain date. Tyler indicated that we would have to pay the \$100 fee to USACycling to hold the second date. He also expressed concern that we would have to have a timing company be available, officials available, and would have to address registration refunds. Other races have been flexible about rain dates and have indicated that in case of having to cancel the original date, the event would be held as soon as possible to allow for coordination of timing and officials availability. Discussion also included rescheduling when the campground is open as many racers camp out prior to Landmine. All

## Old Business - Continued

### *Landmine 2013 – Continued*

agreed that instead of scheduling a firm rain date, we would work to reschedule the event as soon as possible in the event of cancellation.

Discussion then addressed concerns about timing the race. All agreed BART did a good job, although there were some issues. It was difficult to keep track of the finishers as they crossed the line as several racers would cross at the same time and there is no chute to keep racers in single file. We talked about funneling racers into a chute and the possibility of using the berm at the finish to keep racers in order. These details will be addressed when planning for 2012. Tyler also suggested we have a specific person assigned to the job of “Results Coordinator”. This person would be the sole point of contact for racers with timing issues. It is very difficult for the race director to handle all other concerns and not be fully focused on helping racers resolve issues. Carl also suggested someone work on better media promotion prior to the race as we would like to have 600 racers this year. We will run our ad in Single Tracks again, but it would be great to get more publicity.

Tyler is working on finalizing registration information and the BikeReg site could possibly be up by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He will also be setting a date for a Landmine Kick Off meeting some time in April or May.

### *Park Repairs and Maintenance*

Steve G. reported that work is scheduled to begin this week on upgrading the Mt. Blue entrance to the park that FOW funded at the January meeting. Steve also indicated that the bollards would be installed this week at the “Orchard”. Steve will organize a “field trip” to Taunton to look at the walkway on the Audubon property that has met Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for consideration of the design and plans for the Doane Street entrance. Bill B. suggested we invite a member of the Cohasset Conservation Committee to go along as it would be helpful for a committee member to have an understanding of the project to be proposed in the future. Steve G. will organize this and will send information to Pam.

We also talked about work needed at the entrance to the park, specifically the Gate House and road repair. The deteriorating road condition is due to culverts that are buried and probably collapsed under the road. Suggestion was made to contact our State Representatives, Bob Hedlund and Garrett Bradley, to request funding for repairs to the road as this is a very large project.

The subject of reclaiming the “Rail Trails” also came up following Steve C.’s previous reminder that work should continue. We would need to hire a state contractor to remove the poison ivy prior to trail work. Lars did a tremendous amount of work last year and we should continue to reclaim these rail trails.

## New Business

### *Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate*

The Gold Award is the highest achievement with the Girl Scouts of the USA. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award. Girl Scout Mia Bornstein, a Gold Award candidate, attended the FOW Meeting to discuss her Gold Award project proposal. Mia was accompanied by her Girl Scout advisor, Vickie Chipman. Mia loves running in Wompatuck State Park; she loves running on the trails and also on paved routes. Mia had read the article Alma wrote for the webpage about running in the park and noted that one of the key messages from the article was to always have a Trail Map when in the park. Mia noted that it is difficult to run while holding a map and thought that “You Are Here” signs would be extremely helpful for park users who end up in the Park without maps.

Mia would like to work with the FOW and Park Supervisor Steve Gammon to mark specific routes and to place locator signs in the park. Steve G. suggested Mia mark either the sanctioned 5 mile route or the 5K route. Concern was expressed that if only arrow markers are placed on trails other park users might be confused. John K. offered to work with Mia to create signs similar in design to the Boston Snow Dogs signs at the Doane Street entrance. Steve G. will be happy to work with Mia to finalize her proposal and FOW will

support her efforts and will be happy to help with funding if needed. Mia's proposal is due April 1, 2012 and the project must be completed by Spring 2013. Pam will contact Alma for information on sanctioned race routes in Wompatuck and will forward the contact information to Mia. We will look forward to working with Mia and supporting her important project.

**Important Dates**

FOW Monthly Meeting:	March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7 PM Visitor Center
Trail Care	March 31 <sup>st</sup>

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Pam Johnson,  
Secretary*