



March 18, 2013

Minutes of Meeting

Present – Bill B.(President), Lars S. (VP), Vicki S. (Website), Steve G.(Park Supervisor), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C.(Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Tyler E.(Landmine), Steve C. (FOW), Frank B.(FOW), Mia Bornstein (Girl Scouts), Louise Beaudry (SS Natural Science Center), and Eleanor Kilham, Julianne Mehegan, and Bob Campbell (all from SS Quest)

Number Present: 15

Meeting Convened at 7:01 P.M.

Minutes are Presented in Agenda Order

Introductions were made

VP Report

Lars and Steve Cobble discussed the new trail at Blue Hills has been approved and work will begin soon on creating this project.

Membership

Sandy says membership has not really changed. There is one new member

Secretary

The report from February was approved as reported

Treasurer

There is currently \$25,270.52 in the account

Website

Vicki has updated the site – removed the hunting information and has new links to the registration page for Landmine 2013.

Scout Project

Mia Bornstein is on track to complete her project for May 1st. She will purchase the necessary wood for the signs and will stencil them. Steve G. will then router them. She will then finish the signs and place them in the appropriate locations.

Dock Ramp

The dock ramp was damaged by weather over the winter. Steve G. has someone to fix it and FOW will pay for the repair.

South Shore Natural Science Center

Louise Beaudry spoke about coming to Wompatuck and presenting programs to groups using the park. This could be campers here for the summer or groups of adults or children from the area. She gave some ideas for us to discuss. She is presently bringing students from Notre Dame Academy in to certify vernal pools. She brought in examples of items she shows during a program, pelts, feathers, shells, bones, rocks, etc. She also brought a live box turtle and a barred owl. If interested we can contact John Galluzzo, the education director. The cost is approximately \$200 per hour.

South Shore Quest

Eleanor Beaudry spoke about how the Quest program works. Each year a booklet is published with different trails around the South Shore with clues to follow to find the treasure box at the end of the hike. This is great for children as well as adults. She would like to put a link from our web site to theirs and theirs to ours. It was decided this would be beneficial to both organizations and will be done.

FOW Policy on Charity Events

Bill suggested we form a policy of publicizing charity events in Wompatuck. It was decided if a charity approached FOW we would put the event on our website calendar with the charity's name and website only. If anyone wanted more information about the event they could go directly to the charity.

TTOR

Lisa Caissie from Trustees of Reservations could not be at this month's meeting but will be here in April. She wants to discuss volunteering. When she comes we would like to also discuss connecting some of the trails in Wompatuck with those in Whitney Woods.

Park Serve Day 4/20 ,Trail Care 3/23 and Fallen Trees

The only project for our 3/23 Trail Care Day will be clearing trails of deadfall and "stuff". So many trails are not ready for upcoming events. Steve G. will be making maps highlighting different areas for groups going out. The group will then return the map with areas completed. We will decide at the FOW April meeting what will be accomplished on Park Serve Day.

Upcoming Trail Care Sessions

The Trail Care date for May is Sunday, May 19th. We will decide on more Trail Care dates at the April FOW meeting.

2013 Projects

Lars – Repair Bridges

Carl – More Decking Material

South Field

Tyler – Flag trail E18 and do a reroute

Voted to spend up to \$2000 to fix the pot holes on Union Street. Steve G. is still hoping DCR will redo the entrance to the park

Voted to spend up to \$500 for a new chain saw.

Steve G. is going to go to Braintree Lumber to buy decking for bridges.

Landmine

Tyler reported Landmine 2013 is underway. Requests for permits have been submitted. The online registration is up and running and already has a couple of entries. Tyler discussed hiring the company Dirt Wire TV, who will come on race day and film and interview before, during and after the race. They will then put the tape online and everyone will have access to view it. The fee is \$500 or less and it was decided to hire them for this year.

The video of the 2012 Landmine is on the Landmine FaceBook page. Vicki will link it to the FOW page.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 15th at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Submitted by Jane G.