

March 17, 2014 Minutes of Meeting

Present

Bill B. (President), Lars A. (Vice President), Jane G. (Treasurer), Vicki S. (Webmaster) Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Carolanne B. (Secretary), Sandy C. (Membership Chair), Dave F. (Trail Care Chair), Corkey Willse (Hingham Land Conservation Trust), Lisa Patterson (PMC Kids Ride Coordinator), Peter Spiller (Mushroom Foray Club)

Number Present: 13

Meeting convened at 7:12 P.M.

Minutes are presented in Agenda order

Opening Remarks President (Bill B.)

Bill welcomed all and made introductions.

Vice President's Report (Lars A.)

Maps for kiosks have arrived and were delivered to Steve Gammon. Steve will add the posters to the Kiosks along with other updated postings when the weather allows. Approval was requested to reprint 20,000 trail maps. Maps will now have a thank you section for sponsors. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The vote was unanimous to accept. A recommendation was made to make small signs to encourage the return of maps for reuse by each map box.

Secretary's Report (Bill B.)

Bill asked if there should be any changes made to the December Secretary's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The vote was unanimous to accept.

Bill introduced Carolanne Brown and nominated her for the Secretary Position. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The vote was unanimous to accept.

Treasurer's Report (Jane G.)

Jane reported the current balance in the account is \$28,387.07 and distributed a list of expenses. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The vote was unanimous to accept.

Web Page Report (Vicki S.)

Vicki reported the Landmine Classic page was updated. Vicki is also working on the approval process for the Amazon Smiles Program.

Membership Report (Sandy C.)

Membership renewal notice went out last week. So far only 11 members have renewed. Follow up mailed letters will be sent out. Going forward all emails to members will have a reminder attached for members to renew. Bill requested that he and Sandy compare current membership email addresses to make sure the most recent address are being used.

REI Project Grants (Lars A. and Bill B.)

Lars, Bill and Steve discussed possible projects to apply for an REI grant. A suggestion was made to look at costs associated with rebuilding the Herring Pond bridge. Wayne said he has a contractor friend who may be able to assist with a cost estimate for the project. Meeting date and time to be set.

Hingham Land Conservation Trust – Hike (Corky Willse)

The Hingham Land Conservation Trust is looking to lead a walk in Wompatuck on a weekend in early May. Steve G. Recommended Beachwood St. which offers a mix of geology, historic Steve foundations and natural history. Hingham Land Conservation Trust will follow up with an email when date is set. Steve G. to lead tour.

Eagle Scout Project – Zach Rush

Zach was not in attendance. Steve G. said he would contact Zach and advise him time available was not sufficient for him to complete a project at Wompatuck.

2014 Trail Dates and Projects – (Dave F.)

3/22 Trail day postponed to April 26th due to frozen ground and inclement weather. UPDATE: Trail day not postponed but trail day turned into a cleanup and trim day.

Future Trail Dates:

April 26th – Park Serve Day May 17th – Trail Care

August 10th – Bike Barn Trail Care Day for Landmine Classic

September 6th – Race Setup September 7th – Landmine Classic

September 20th – Trail Care Day October 18th - Trail Care Day

Nov 15th - Trail Care Day

Landmine Classic-

Lars will send Vicki S. a digital copy of the park map to use in publicizing the race. Vicki expressed concern about presenting accurate mileage for the race course for advertisement purposes. Mileage will be checked for trail routes. A motion was made and seconded to advertise in Single-track *Magazine* for two issues. The vote was unanimous to accept.

PMC Kids Race -

Preregistration will be on June 8th and the event will be on June 9th. New culvert should help with trail flooding. FOW will provide bike safety checks prior to race. Motion made and seconded to provide 500 park maps for goodie bags at the event. The vote was unanimous to accept.

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Mushroom Foray Club Presentation – Peter Spiller

Peter has been leading mushroom walks in Wompatuck for the last two years. All events are open to the public. On May 4th he will be offering a class on growing your own mushrooms free of charge and open to the public. A suggestion was made to advertise the program on the FOW website. A motion was made and seconded to accept. The vote was unanimous to accept.

South Shore Science Center Programs -

Steve G. requested Friends sponsor another season of summer programs presented by South Shore Science Center in Cooperation with FOW. Motion was made and seconded to pay South Shore Science Center \$500 to present summer programs. The vote was unanimous to accept.

Bylaws and Board of Directors

Request to further examine Bylaws and discuss Election of Board of Directors. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M. The next meeting is April 21st at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Carolanne Brown FOW Secretary