

Meeting Minutes

Friends of Wompatuck 4/15/20

Members & Guests Present: Vicki Schow, Bill Boles, Peter Williams, Lars Ahlzen, Gary MacKinnon, Doug Luoma, Stev Cobble, Wayne Strohm, Brad Sands, Andy Seem, Jay Murphy, Michael Mullaley, Sandy Cole, Kevin Sullivan, Jenny Sullivan, Matt Maderos.

Meeting opens at 7:00 PM.

1. President Vicki Schow opened the meeting and introductions were made.
2. VP Lars Ahlzen reported that There is now an interactive Ames Nowell SP map hosted on the FOW website, at <https://wompy.org/ames/>
3. Treasurer Doug Luoma reported that our Opening balance for March was \$27,763.51. That after disbursements and receipts our closing balance was \$27,456.78. He noted that NEHSCA had reimbursed us for \$500 and that he had opened a playground account with \$200.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report – Unanimous

4. Membership Chair reported that the Annual Appeal netted around \$1700. Membership remains constant from our last meeting.
5. Trail Care: We will set trail care dates at our May meeting.
6. Playground Proposal: Gary MacKinnon reported that the Playground Proposal was moving forward with a lot of DCR support. Flyers, and Aluminum sign, Vinal overlays and laminated posters will cost about \$1200.

Motion: To allow Gary to spend up to \$1500 – Unanimous.

7. Matt Maderos talked about the upcoming Kids Pan Mass Challenge Ride to be held at Wompatuck on 6/9. So far 37 kids have signed up. The hope is to have over 350 this year. Matt appreciates the support that FOW has given the event over the years and asks volunteers to sign up on line at <https://kids.pmc.org/hingham>
8. Andrew Ayer of Cleaner Greener Hingham asked for a FOW letter of support for the town meeting article that would ban single use plastic bags. 97 Mass cities and towns already do so.

Motion: To ask our secretary to send a letter endorsing this proposed ban – Unanimous.

9. Wompy Warriors: The Warriors are engaged in their 4th season. There are 37 participants from 5th grade to high schoolers this year. It is reported that Eric Odleifson will be stepping down this year in May after the Wompy Wrangler event. He will be missed. The group expressed their appreciation for all Eric has done for the team.

10. Paul Peaslee Memorial Scholarship: Doug Luoma proposed a \$500 annual scholarship for a graduating high school senior or boy scout based on their “park advocacy resume” and years of service. The motion was amended to raise that to \$1000 with \$500 going to a male and \$500 going to a female recipient. There would be a 3-member scholarship committee made up of FOW officers to decide how this would work and award the scholarship.

Motion: (see above) Passed unanimously.

11. Old Business: Wayne Strohm proposed purchasing a tandem kayak to add to the fleet of loaner biats that the DCR could use in programing. After some discussion the matter was dropped until a future meeting.

12. Wompatuck Map: Gary MacKinnon proposes adding the Playground Fundraiser to our next edition of Wompatuck’s map. At this time there is no new printing needed, but the idea will be kept on file till there is.

13. Kid’s PMC: Doug Luoma noted that FOW normally donates \$100 to the PMC. He suggests upping that to \$200.

Motion: To donate \$200 to the Kid’s PMC – Unanimous.

Meeting adjourns 8:29 PM