



May 17, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

Present Bill B. (President), Lars A. (Vice President), Pam J. (Secretary), Vicki S. (Webmistress), Mark S. (Landmine Race Director), Ellie S. (New FOW Member), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Tyler E. (VP for Trails), Sandy C. (Membership), Jim R. (Historian), Carl C. (FOW), Donald C. (FOW), Wayne S. (FOW), Phil R. (PMC Kids), Al A. (BSTRA)

Number present: 15

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM

Opening Remarks and Introductions

President Bill Boles introduced himself and asked for other introductions.

VP Report (Lars)

Lars said the "trails are nice!" We all agreed! He also asked to speak about REI grant money and to discuss maps for the park later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report (Pam)

Pam deferred to Bill as she was not at the last meeting. Bill said the group had met quickly outside as the building was locked. There were no minutes from that meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Bill for Jane)

Bill reported that there is not much financial activity. The current balance in the account is \$12,224.56. There were 15 disbursements during the month. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Membership (Sandy)

Membership is currently at 84 members, with 3 new members in the past month. Sandy will be sending out renewal notices this month.

Webpage Report (Vicki)

The newsletter has been posted on the website. All agreed that Jim did a great job!

Trails Report (Tyler)

The Trail Care event went really well and Park Serve Day was well attended. Everyone worked hard and had lots of fun. The Daisy Scouts busily planted flowers; others cleared trails and worked on plantings at the front entrance. The Cub Scouts currently have butterfly houses in the park.

June 5th is a planned Trail Care Event. There is work to be done on bridge improvement prior to the Landmine Race. Mark reported that only 3 nails have popped up on the bridge he and Vicki resurfaced but he wants to use screws for the next resurfacing.

Steve G. noted that we need to have permits to replace or build new bridges. He will begin to work on the permitting process. The group wants to develop a long-term plan for bridge maintenance and building, and will include plans for equestrian use.

Landmine Race Report (Mark)

Landmine advertisement in Single Tracks was published. There was a small group planning meeting on April 21st to discuss the 2010 course. Mark and Vicki went to the Root 66 race at Massasoit State Park to pass out flyers and were still short by a lot. They received confirmation from Ken Williams' Boy Scout troop that they will be present to man Feed Zone 1 again. Mark has ordered course arrows. Mark was unsuccessful contacting the Hingham Cub Scouts who ran the food tent last year. Steve G. will try to find a name. The New England Mountain Bike Patrol has confirmed we are on their calendar as a "must" event. They will set up two side-by-side 10 x 10 first aid tents while other teams will be out on the course. Each team will carry first aid kits, a radio and cell phone. Mark and Vicki are in contact with Jill and Chris Logan from Root 66 about the USA Cycling forms we need to complete to register our race.

We are not going to have any special equipment this year. The bleachers are not needed. Steve G. will check to be sure we can still get the tent for the stage. We will include a student price for the race. We are going to wait until we are closer to the race to publish the course map on the website.

Pan Mass Challenge for Kids June 13th (Phil R.)

Phil is hoping there will be 450 – 500 kids in the race. The race will start in Wompatuck and will have a "toddler trail", a paved route and a mountain bike option on trails. They need help with signage and should mark the course on the Friday and Saturday before the race on Sunday. Bill B. suggested a 2-mile loop as an option for Beginner/Family/Novice riders. He also suggested a 3.5 mile out and back rider ONLY if it is a guided rider. Bill suggested using a staging area. We will help to get volunteers for the event. Phil will send Bill the link to KIDS PMC for sign up information. Vicki will post the call for volunteers on the FOW website. Phil said there will be tee shirts and free stuff for the race volunteers.

Reprinting of Wompatuck Maps (Lars A.)

DCR has stopped printing park maps and is evaluating the possibility of in-house production of maps. In the mean time, we are going to print our own map and we can use the reverse side for FOW information and sponsor advertisements for fund raising to cover the cost of printing maps.

Reprinting of Wompatuck Maps (Lars A.) – Continued

Lars will check pricing with Overnight Prints. Steve G. will check other vendor pricing. We use 13K maps per year at a cost of approximately \$4K. We need to secure advertising from local shops including pizza shops, bike shops, REI, EMS, the RV Shop at Drinkwater, Dunkin' Donuts and McDonalds. Lars will do the artwork and mapping. Steve G. and Carl C. will help to obtain pricing.

Lars will make a prototype map. We need print options – Tyler said he can print 1,000.

A motion was made and unanimously accepted for Lars to spend up to \$500 to create the first map with FOW membership and sponsorship information on the reverse side.

Wompatuck Trail Committee – Formation (Bill B.)

For approximately 12 years there had been a Trail Committee working at the park. The mission was mostly trail work. FOW was created to expand the focus of the Trail Committee. Recently DCR has issued a very large guideline for doing trail work and it is much more difficult to gain approval for work. The rules are very specific, including the need for permits if you are going to dig deeper than 4". The DCR is concerned with protecting natural heritage and archeological impact.

Bill B. and Steve G. want to re-establish the Trail Committee to meet once a month and to report back to the FOW. The mission will be to work with Steve on obtaining blanket permits for park improvements from each of the bordering towns to work on trail hardening and bridge repair and bridge building.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to establish a Trail Committee. The first meeting will be on June 8th at 7:30 PM at the Visitor Center.

The following FOW members volunteered to serve on that committee: Bill, Lars, Al, Tyler, Don, Mark, Vicki, and Wayne. Bill will contact Claire C. and ask if she would like to serve.

New Business

Historical Map Project

Steve G. thanked everyone for the trail reports! Dan Barry, a senior at Bridgewater State College, is working on a project for his Master's Degree. John Richardson, a former park worker, had an extensive collection of historical information on the park and it was lost. John and Dan have been meeting to discuss park history prior to 1900, and have re-created two maps of Wompatuck with an incredible amount of information. Steve wants to make digitized copies of the maps for the park. Steve needs funding for the duplicating and for acid-free sleeves to protect the maps. A motion was made and unanimously accepted for Steve to spend the appropriate funds for the maps and accessories.

New Business – Continued

Friends of Bare Cove Park

Jim R. reported that the Friends of Bare Cove Park will be placing a memorial stone in honor of the crew members of the USS UF415 ship that exploded in Boston Harbor in 1944. The total cost of the memorial stone is approximately \$1,000. Jim requested a donation from FOW for \$200 - \$300. A motion was made to donate \$200. Discussion led to a decision to donate \$300. A motion was made to donate \$300 for the memorial stone and was unanimously accepted.

REI Grant Money

Lars will speak with Dan at REI to ask to have FOW nominated for a grant.

Eagle Scout Project

Al asked if anyone had an update about the proposed Eagle Scout project at N28-N30. There was no update.

Old Business

Railroad Track Bed

Bill B. said he had spoken with Richard S. and has been assured that work will begin to open the railroad track bed that connects Wompatuck to Route 3A near the train station. They will either fence off the buildings or board up windows and doors. There is no funding to demolish building. Steve G. agreed that there is no better shovel-ready project in the state.

Dates to Remember

Trail Care Days:	June 5th	(Saturday – National Trails Day)
	July 18 th	(Sunday)
	August 21 st	(Saturday)
	November 6 th	(Saturday)

Pan Mass Challenge for Kids	June 13th
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Next Meeting Date

June 21, 2010 at 7 PM, Wompatuck Visitor Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pam Johnson
FOW Secretary