



May 21, 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), Judy S. (FOW), David S. (FOW), Tyler E. (Landmine and Adopt-A-Trail), Jim M. (FOW), Pat Maclea (Boy Scouts), Robert Maclea (Boy Scouts), Alma M. (FOW), Steve C. (FOW)

Number present: 14

Meeting convened at 7:02 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions (President Bill Boles)

Bill welcomed everyone and all present introduced themselves.

VP Report

We will look forward to hearing from Lars at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report (Pam)

With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the April Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept. Thanks again to Jane for taking the minutes in April!

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the current balance in the FOW account is \$17,698.75.

Recent expenditures include costs for upgrading the entrances at Doane Street and South Pleasant Street. Landmine 2012 expenses have also started to be paid. Jane will track Landmine expenses separately.

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

Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported that we have 118 members. We have 6 new members and 5 renewals this month. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

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

Bill read an email from Vicki (via China). Vicki added the April minutes and updated the home page and Landmine page with the pre-registration information Tyler sent her. Welcome to Calvin Schow born on April 28th in Shanghai! Everyone is looking forward to seeing the Schow Family in July here in the US! A motion was made and seconded to accept the April Webpage Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Kids Pan Mass Challenge Ride

Notes here are from the March 19th FOW Meeting. The PMC South Shore Kids Ride will be held on Sunday, June 10th. There will also be a check in, registration pick up and raffle on Saturday, June 9th at the Visitor Center. Volunteers need to register online and kids can pre-register online as well:

kids.pmc.org/hingham/

Eagle Scout Project (Pat Maclea)

Pat Maclea joined us from Boy Scout Troop 41 – Abington. Pat is working on his Eagle project and would like to remark trails at Ames Nowell Park. Bill B. mentioned that a new Friends of Ames Nowell is being formed and that Lars will be developing a map for the park as well. Pat needs to work with Park Supervisor Steve Gammon to organize this project for Ames Nowell. Pam will forward Pat's email information to Lars for coordination of trail markers with the new map.

Event Listings for Park Kiosks (Judy S.)

Judy had asked at a previous meeting if events could be posted on park kiosks to inform park users about upcoming events, such as road races, in the park. Steve G. said that he could request that the State require park users to post fliers in the park prior to the event and to remove the fliers after the event. Most groups have advance notice fliers posted at the entrance or the gate. Tyler will be sure to post Landmine advance notice fliers.

Wompy Maps – Time to Reprint (Bill B.)

Bill read an email from FOW member Frank Benham with map comments: “The first is a newly cut trail on the west side of the road that runs from just south of R9 to just south of E17. The second trail is a little to the southeast. If you are going north on the road just past E7 there is an unlabeled trailhead on the right. The current map shows this trail ending, but in fact it connects with the trail that loops around to E6.” Steve G. noted that the R9-E17 trail is a “renegade trail” and not an approved trail; that trail will be closed. There is also a trail in the playground area known as the “mud pit” that will be closed.

With regard to map changes, the fee to change the map “plate” is \$225. Steve G. recommended waiting until there are a significant number of changes to make in order to justify the plate fee change. All agreed this makes sense to wait since there are no major changes needed.

Carl said he is still waiting to hear from a few map sponsors. Discussion ensued to address the need to reprint maps due to low supplies – there are only 3 boxes remaining. Costs for reprinting the map “as is” are: \$3,320 for 20K; \$2,715 for 15K; and \$4,410 for 30K. The group agreed that 20K maps is an adequate supply for one year. A motion was made and seconded to order a 20K reprint the Wompatuck map; the vote was unanimous to accept. We will ask Lars to place the order.

Discussion also addressed another item in Frank's email and one that has been discussed on several occasions in FOW meetings: the need for map boxes throughout the park. Pam mentioned that the Carl Pipes Memorial Trail in Scituate is using a simple laminated map posted on a wooden post. Suggestion was made to get enlarged sections of the Wompy map, have the enlargement laminated and include a “You Are Here” marker; Steve G. said we can also include a small box for maps. Pam volunteered to make a sample enlargement for placement on Prospect Hill and deliver to Steve G.

Next Trail Care Event on June 2nd (Carl)

The next Trail Care Event will be held on June 2nd and is also National Trail Care Day. Carl is planning to fill the railroad tracks with cold patch prior to the June 10th PMC Kids Ride. Carl also mentioned that he will be doing the helmet safety checks for the PMC Kids Ride as well.

For the June 2nd Trail Care work will include trail re-routing, trail closing and hardening as well as stone fill at the old bridle bridge. Steve G. will move stone to N18 with the front end bucket loader. Carl and Steve G. will also be working on the bridge ramp at the “Broadway Bridge” on W1-NW5. Request was made to make build the ramp to allow Landmine racers to opt away from the bridge.

July 15th will also be added as an additional Trail Care Event.

2012 Trail Care Dates

June 2 nd	Saturday	National Trails Day
July 15 th	Sunday	
August 18 th	Saturday	

Sandy and Carl mentioned the great press FOW has received in the Patriot Ledger from recent Trail Care Events. Pam will contact Sue Scheible, the author of the articles, to request digital copies of the articles to be posted on the website.

Welcome Banner (Sandy)

Sandy will look into having vertical “Welcome” banners made to be possibly hung at the entrance to the park from the telephone poles.

QR Codes on Signboards? Maps? (Bill)

QR (Quick Response) Codes have become popular in the outdoor recreational world to provide fast access to park maps. The idea is that a QR code would provide a direct link to the FOW website and park users would then have instant access to the park map. Suggestion was made to research how to establish a QR code for Wompatuck and Lars name was mentioned as a possible “volunteer” to look into this!

REI Club Day

Jane and Sandy volunteered time to work at the REI Club Day event to promote the Friends of Wompatuck and to provide maps for the general public visiting REI that day. It happened to be held on beautiful day to be outdoors, so traffic through the store was a little slower than usual. Thanks to Jane and Sandy for volunteering!

Old Business

Visitor Center Walkway Repair

Steve G. reported that materials have been purchased to repair the walkway at the Visitor Center. The repair will be a temporary repair.

New Business

Sewerage Leak

Steve G. reported that a sewerage leak had been discovered last week and was immediately repaired.

Mulching

Steve G. reported that the state has access to a very large amount of mulch that will be trucked to Wompatuck and spread throughout the park.

International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Membership

Jane reported that the renewal for IMBA is due and will be paid. Bill suggested that all renewals for memberships that have been approved previously by FOW vote should be paid as they are received.

Important Dates

Trail Care and Park Serve	June 2 nd
FOW Monthly Meeting	June 18 th at Ames Nowell State Park for a Walk! Bring Bug Spray!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Pam Johnson, Secretary