



June 17, 2013

Minutes of Meeting

Present – Bill B. (President), Lars S. (VP), Steve G.(Park Supervisor), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C.(Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Tyler E.(Landmine), Pam J. (Secretary), Bonnie D. (Campground Host), Henry D. (Campground Host), Mia Bornstein (Girl Scout), Joanne S., RN (Campground Host), Steph J. (FOW), Vicki S., Mark S. and their two children

Number Present: 15 adults plus 2 children

Meeting Convened at 7:03 P.M.

Minutes are Presented in Agenda Order

Opening Remarks and Introductions (Bill B.)

VP Report (Lars A.)

Lars said he will provide comments throughout the meeting. He also added that the trails are nice even though they are still wet.

Secretary (Pam J.)

Pam thanked Jane for taking the May minutes. No corrections were offered to the May report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Treasurer (Jane G.)

Jane reported that there is currently \$22,220.51 in the account. Payment of \$2,000 was made to Pilgrim Paving. Mass Bay Road Club donated \$500 toward paving. The Boy Scouts donated \$200 to FOW as a thank you to Park Historian, Jim Rose, who gave a talk to Troop 4, Hingham. No corrections were offered to the May report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve. Jane also shared an article from the Hingham Journal highlighting the PMC Kids Ride, including a great photo of our own Carl Casale.

Webpage Report (Vicki S.)

Vicki reported that the webpage is up-to-date.

Membership (Sandy C.)

Sandy reported that the current membership count is 134. No corrections were offered to the report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Kids' PMC Report

Several present commented on the very successful and fun Hingham PMC Kids ride. Over \$55,000 was raised for the Jimmy Fund and there were 489 kids riding and 168 volunteers.

South Shore Science Center

Steve G. reported that Carol Ann and Bill will coordinate programs with Louise. More discussion will follow.

Union Street Re-Paving with Mass Bay Road Club

Steve G. reported that the main road looks good. An additional \$500 is needed to finish paving. A motion was made and seconded to pay \$500 for paving; the vote was unanimous to pay \$500 for paving.

Scout Project Updates (Steve G.)

Mia Bornstein is working on a signage project for her Gold Award. She will coordinate with Steve G. to cut, route and paint the new signs. Her deadline for project completion is September.

Trails Report (Carl C.)

Two FOW faithfuls attended the June 15th Trail Care: Steve G. and Lars. They reported a very productive morning of trail work. After discussion, members present agreed to change the date of the August Trail Care from August 18 to August 4th. Tyler will organize crews from Bike Barn to get the trails ready for Landmine.

Landmine Update (Tyler E.)

Tyler reported that he has started advertising. He will review the course map and prizes; changes will be addressed at an upcoming Landmine meeting. He would also like to look into an online volunteer registration program. Tyler announced that Vicki and Mark will be Race Directors for 2014.

Ames Nowell Updates

Mark Brown is the new ranger and is doing a terrific job. He wants to start a Friends group and a Trail Watch group for Ames Nowell. The map is almost complete and the Eagle Scout project for making signs is also nearing completion. Steve, Lars and Bill reported that the park looks great.

Old Business

South Field

Carl asked about finishing up the clearing. Steve G. recommended we wait until next year to get an excavator in the field.

Doane Street

Doane Street is still under water. After July 1st Steve G. suggested we go visit other sites with flooding issues to assess options for Wompy.

Puddles

Sandy suggested we address large puddles in the trail system to determine if they need to be drained. Steve will identify flooded trails that may require drainage.

New Business

Campground Host Program at Wompatuck

Bonnie, Henry and Joanne joined the meeting to talk about the Campground Host Program. Bonnie and Henry work in the campground performing general maintenance. They also know the extensive history of the park and share that information with campers. They also help campers needing directions or assistance in the campground. Henry has been enjoying the park since 1955. One recommendation from Bonnie and Henry is to have better signage at the entrance to the Visitor Center indicating the campground registration is further up the road.

Joanne is a nurse and is also a Campground Host. She said she would like to offer basic first aid and CPR training courses. FOW has a defibrillator and she would like to train FOW members and other group members how to properly use the device. To that end, discussion ensued to establish two dates to offer training in the American Heart Association CPR course and basic first aid.

Saturday, July 13 – CPR and First Aid Course from 9 AM – 3 PM. Limit to 12 people. Bring bag lunch. This will be a one day, 6 hour session.

Wednesday, July 17 and Thursday July 18 – CPR and First Aid Course from 6 PM – 9 PM. Limit 12 people. This will be a 2 evening program – must attend both 3 hour sessions.

There will be a \$5 fee if attendees want a hard copy of the AHA CPR certification card. Joanne has some loaner training books. Books are available for purchase for \$13.

A motion was made and seconded for FOW to pay \$150 for the purchase of the training DVD; the vote was unanimous to purchase.

A motion was made and seconded for FOW to pay for coffee and donuts at each training session; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Pam will send an email out to the FOW group and to Eric O. for Trail Watch members to offer the CPR course. Steph volunteered to develop a google doc registration form to go along with that email to track registrant information.

Park Use Permits

Steve G. reported that the Charles River Wheelers bike club showed up on the same day as the PMC Kids Ride and did not have a park use permit. Steve also reported that another bike group had showed up on a day when another event was being held and that bike group did not have a permit. Steve suggested we post the permitting requirements on the FOW website. If there will be less than 50 people attending a planned event a Recreational Use permit is required. If more than 50 people will be attending, a Special Use Permit is required.

New Business - Continued

Hedge Trimmer Needed

Steve reported that he needs a hedge trimmer for trail maintenance. A motion was made and seconded to approve \$400 for the purchase of a hedge trimmer; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Historical Data Duplication

Steve reported that Carolann, the summer supervisor, has been photocopying park historical data. A motion was made and seconded to pay \$200 for copying records; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Dates to Remember

July 22nd FOW Meeting – Please note this is a change to the 4th Monday in July
August 4th Trail Care – Please note this is a change from August 18th
September 8th Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Pam J.