



June 22, 2013

Minutes of Meeting

Present – Bill B. (President), Steve G.(Park Supervisor), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C.(Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Tyler E.(Landmine), Pam J. (Secretary), Joanne S., RN (Campground Host), Alex Hall (District Park Ranger, DCR), David S. (FOW), Judy S. (FOW and TWW)

Number Present: 11

Meeting Convened at 7:03 P.M.

Minutes are Presented in Agenda Order

Opening Remarks and Introductions (Bill B.)

VP Report (Lars A.)

We will look forward to Lars' report in August.

Secretary (Pam J.)

With no corrections to the June minutes, a motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Treasurer (Jane G.)

Jane reported that there is currently \$22,281.62 in the account. West Quincy Motors donated \$500. No corrections were offered to the June report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve. Jane also shared a thank you note from Kids PMC Ride. Bill recommended FOW thank West Quincy Motors with a Corporate Sponsor membership; a motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve. Pam will create the letter and plaque.

Webpage Report (Vicki S.)

We will look forward to Vicki's report in August.

Membership (Sandy C.)

Sandy reported that the current membership count is 135. No corrections were offered to the report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Landmine Update (Tyler E.)

Tyler reported that everything is on schedule for Landmine. A meeting was held last week at bikebarn. A discussion ensued regarding increasing the prize money to help attract competitors. A motion was made and seconded to increase the total purse to approximately \$2,500; the vote was unanimous to approve. Tyler will produce the list of cash prizes by category.

Pam will staff a Packet Pick Up for pre-registered races on Saturday, September 7th from 1 – 4 PM at the Visitor Center. Steve G. will check the calendar to be sure the VC will be available that day. We will not register racers that day due to the complexity of the process; same day registration will continue to be held on Sunday only.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential growth of the race. The group suggested that we could possibly grow to 600 – 700 racers. Adjustments would have to be made for parking, course and timing. We will address those issues as the race field continues to grow.

Tyler needs to find a new “arrow” vendor; color codes for the course are the same and Tyler will work with Lars to incorporate some minor course changes. Steve G. added that AmeriCorps will have repaired/replaced the bridge at NW5 – NW6 prior to the race.

There will be a Trail Care event on Saturday, August 4th to start prepping for Landmine. The rain date will be August 11th. Pam will send a blast to FOW; Bill B. will blast NEMBA.

Discussion ensued regarding assistance with managing parking at the event. Carl has been managing this critical job for the past several years and needs to train someone to take over. A motion was made and seconded to hire three Park Rangers for a period of 4 hours on race day to assist with the parking management; the vote was unanimous to accept. Tyler will work with Ranger Alex Hall to coordinate coverage.

Pam suggested someone start to shadow her with the registration process. The process is well documented. One possible person is Allie from bikebarn. Tyler will follow up with Allie.

CPR and First Aid Course Offered by Campground Host

Joanne Stonecipher, RN reported that she trained 3 hosts and 4 Rangers in CPR and 4 also were certified in First Aid. She will be happy to offer this training again in the Fall. She would also like to offer the training to the Boston Harbor Islands staff. She suggested that the training on the Saturday be reduced to a 3 hour session. We will follow up with Joanne in the Fall.

Scout Projects

Steve G. reported that Jack Dempsey completed the bridge out behind the VC and it is fit for equestrian use. Girl Scout Mia Bornstein is working on painting the letters on the trail signs. Pat Maclea has completed the map markers for Ames Nowell and DCR now needs to get the maps completed. Ken Williams, Scout Master, wants to work on Heron Pond. Tyler requested he be kept informed of plans to be sure there are no conflicts with Landmine routes and work.

Discussion ensued regarding the rules for seeking FOW support for Eagle Scout and Gold Scout projects. Recommendation was made that the scouts need to give at least one year notice. All agreed that we will discuss scout project guidelines, including requests, budgets and reporting, at the next FOW meeting.

Old Business

Bike Loop Repair

Steve G. reported that the culvert on the time trial bike loop between S36 and S26 had started to cave in. Tom, a DCR engineer, replaced the two culverts.

Mulching at N32

Steve reported that the large wet area has been mulched.

Park Entrance

Steve reported that the water main has been repaired at the entrance to the Park; Pilgrim Paving did the repair at the entrance.

Doane Street Flooding

Discussion ensued regarding the plan to address the flooding and sinking road at the Doane Street entrance to the Park. This would be a great project for FOW funding. We need to coordinate with the Town of Cohasset. We also may be able to apply for a Recreational Trail Grant.

This project requires several steps as we do not know the best way to address this issue, whether we build a bridge or raise the road, and therefore we do not know what the projected cost is to make this repair. We have to keep emergency access for fire and rescue in mind in addressing this problem.

This is potentially a multi-year project and should be completed by experts, not by FOW volunteers. Steve G. would like to visit a site in Taunton that addressed a similar issue. Steve also has worked with companies that are capable of bidding on this type of work. In the Fall we need to start the initial steps for this project.

New Business

Trash Collection at Boat Ramp E16

Judy said that there has been a lot of trash left at the E16 boat ramp. Steve G. will address this need.

Bicycle Path Access between Wompatuck and Whitney Woods

A very lively discussion ensued regarding the closed Annex area between Wompny and Whitney Woods and the inability to use the bicycle path that connects the two parks and gives access to the Cohasset commuter rail.

Alex has been documenting dangerous activities in the closed annex area and has been working to create the case to address the needed repair and demolition. Bill B. will be attending the upcoming DCR Stewardship meeting and will raise this issue again. There is no contamination in the area. Local politicians need to be made aware of the danger this area poses and act on taking the steps to make this

safe and accessible. At the next FOW we will discuss how to start getting this information out to our local representatives and the community. Suggestion was made to consider Hingham Community Access TV.

Dates to Remember

August 4th Trail Care – Please note this is a change from August 18th
August 11th Trail Care RAIN DATE
August 19th FOW Meeting
September 7th Packet Pick Up 1 – 4 PM Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race
September 8th Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Pam J.