



August 19, 2013

Minutes of Meeting

Present – Bill B. (President), Lars A. (VP), Steve G.(Park Supervisor), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C.(Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Tyler E.(Landmine), Pam J. (Secretary), Carold B. (FOW), Vicki (Webpage), Mia B.(Girl Scout)

Number Present: 11

Meeting Convened at 7:06 P.M.

Minutes are Presented in Agenda Order

Opening Remarks and Introductions (Bill B.)

All present introduced themselves. Bill said he had attended the DCR Stewardship Council and met Jack Murray who is the new commissioner. Bill also spoke with Jason Silbert, Director of Policy, regarding opening the bike trail connector. More will be discussed later on the agenda.

VP Report (Lars A.)

Lars will add to agenda items as presented.

Secretary (Pam J.)

One date correction was made to the July minutes, a motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve the amended minutes.

Treasurer (Jane G.)

Jane reported that there is currently \$22,034.40 in the account. There is an invoice for the dog signs. Landmine expenses to date are approximately \$1K. No corrections were offered to the July report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Webpage Report (Vicki S.)

All postings are up-to-date.

Membership (Sandy C.)

Sandy reported that the current membership count is 136. West Quincy Motors made a \$500 contribution and wants to advertise the next time a map is produced by the FOW. No corrections were offered to the report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Scout Projects

Mia Bornstein, Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate, completed all the signs for her project. She worked with Steve to create directional signs that have been placed throughout the park. She will be meeting with her project advisor this coming week for inspection. Mia also created a "Scavenger Hunt" and will send the details to Pam.

Steve G. reported that Jack Dempsey completed the bridge out behind the VC and it is fit for equestrian use.

Frisbee Golf – Bill Cubed

We look forward to hearing from Bill at an upcoming meeting.

Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Project Discussion (Bill B., Jane G.)

Discussion ensued regarding the policies for seeking FOW support for Eagle Scout and Gold Scout projects. Jane prepared a set of guidelines; she and Bill had reviewed prior to the meeting. The guidelines included timing of requests, progress reporting requirements, funding limits and scope of projects. Edits were made to the draft guidelines; the revised document will be reviewed at the next FOW meeting.

Bike Path Discussion – How to best advocate for the completion of the trail (Bill B.)

Bill B. open discussion regarding the bike path that was created six years from Wompy, through Whitney Woods and over to the Cohasset train station. That trail has remained closed due to the hazardous building area outside the Triphammer and Doane Street boundaries. Neither the State nor the Federal government has made any effort to demolish the dangerous building site and therefore the trail remains closed. There is a fence between Whitney Woods that blocks access to Wompatuck.

The group talked about options to raise DCR, elected officials and general public awareness of the need to complete the demolition project before someone is seriously or gravely injured and to open the six-year-old trail for public bicycle and walking travel between the Cohasset train station and Wompatuck. Steve G. will continue raising the issue with DCR and will speak with people associated with the Rail Trail Project Funding. Bill B. will write letters to Hedlund and Bradley and will invite them to attend an FOW meeting; Sandy C. will work on local newspaper coverage including a letter to the editor; another possible outlet for coverage is the Hingham cable channel. We will continue to keep the bike path in our discussions.

CPR and First Aid Course Offered by Campground Host

Joanne Stonecipher, RN will be available to conduct a second course in mid-October.

More Trail Care Sessions – Coastal Cleanup (Carl C.)

Carl reported that 32 people attended and worked at the last Trail Care session on August 4. Steve reported that Bare Cove or Nantasket will participate in future efforts as part of the Coastal Cleanup.

Landmine Update (Tyler E.)

Tyler reported that everything is on schedule for Landmine. The glasses were delivered; Kevin is ordering the T shirts; ten thousand arrows were ordered; the number plates should be in next week. The course map has been updated. There will be a Landmine committee meeting on August 29th at *bikebarn*. Tyler confirmed that three rangers will be hired for four hours to assist with parking. Kevin is coordinating additional trail work rides.

Ames Nowell Updates

Steve G. reported the David Goodwin and Lars have worked on the GPS mapping of the park and that Pat Maclea (Eagle Scout candidate) is ready to produce the map and trail markers. Steve said there have been several vandalism acts at Ames Nowell. The police are now involved in monitoring activities. Mark Brown, Supervisor, is doing a great job welcoming neighbors and all park users.

Old Business

No old business was presented due to the late hour.

New Business

No new business was presented due to the late hour.

Dates to Remember

September 7th Packet Pick Up 1 – 4 PM Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race

September 8th Landmine Classic Mountain Bike Race

September 16th FOW Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Submitted by Pam J.

Secretary FOW