



September 20, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

Present Bill B. (President), Lars A. (Vice President), Jane G. (Treasurer), Mark S. (Landmine), Tyler E. (VP for Trails), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Sandy C. (Membership), Carl C. (FOW), Judy S. (FOW), David S. (FOW), Eric O. (FOW), Wayne S. (FOW), Al A. (BSTRA), Sue W., (FOW), Jonathan W., (FOW), David B. (FOW), Kevin C. (Bikebarn), Dan Barry (DCR), Ed L. (DCR Volunteer), Pam L. (DCR Volunteer), Nick P. (Volunteer Eagle Scout Project), Marilyn M. (Ames Nowell)

Number Present - 22

Meeting Convened at 7:03 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order

Opening Remarks and Introductions

President Bill Boles introduced himself and asked for other introductions.

VP Report (Lars) Lars will speak about maps later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made and seconded to accept the August minutes; the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

As of today our net profit from the Landmine Classic is over \$10,000 with several invoices still to be received and paid. Most of the receipts from the race have been deposited. Net profit should be around \$8,000. We currently have \$23,814.28 in the checking account.

Membership (Sandy)

There are presently 91 members however not everyone has renewed their membership. Sandy may resort to sending out letters if necessary. Because the Simms brothers have donated \$500 they will automatically become members. Jane will get their email addresses so they will receive newsletters, etc. Pack 43 will be sending a \$100 donation to FOW.

Pratt Memorial Bench at Ames Nowell State Park

MarilynMarvill of Weymouth would like to have a bench installed at Ames Nowell State Park in memory of her Mother. Her Mother and siblings lived in Brockton near the park and played there as children. After her Mother retired to Maine she still came back and visited the park. Since there is not Friends of Ames Nowell she would like us to take her donation and have the bench installed. It was decided unanimously to do this.

History of Wompatuck – Dan Barry

Dan gave a wonderful talk about the history of what is now Wompatuck State Park from the colonization in the 1600s until about 1942 when the US government took over the area for an ammunition depot. Dan told of all the different walls, paths, roads, mills, ponds, and many other aspects of the park from its use by Native Americans, through the Civil War and into the 20th century. He has begun writing a paper for a course he is taking at Bridgewater State University and will be continuing this in the fall. Suggestions were made about having this paper printed when it is completed and having it available for sale to the general public.

Wompatuck Shed Progress - Bill Boles

Bill said the shed has been delivered and installed. It is ready to be filled. Steve G. says he thinks it should be stained and the staining could be a FOW project. There is still money remaining from the grant.

Eagle Scout Project – Nick Pinto

Nick Pinto would like to do his Eagle Scout Project in Wompatuck State Park. The Landmine committee would like to build a bridge for next years race and Nick thought this might be exactly the kind of project he would like to do.

Hingham High Cycling and Triathlon Club

Shawn Nugent (Teacher at Hingham High School and advisor to the Club) would like to have a project for the members, maybe build a bridge. Sandy will have Shawn get in touch with Steve G.

Naturalist Educators in Wompatuck

Ed and Pam Lottero, DCR Volunteers, have returned again this year to bring area students to learn more about Wompatuck. Last year we gave them \$500 to defray the expense of Weymouth and Hull students who were bussed to the Park. It was decided to do this once again and if the Lotteros have more students this year than last the executive committee will decide to give an additional \$250 if necessary.

Landmine Classic Discussion

Everyone present was very pleased with the race. We had 432 official racers and there were very few problems. Mark would like to see more advertising next year to attract more racers. Tyler has already begun making subtle changes in the course to make it safer and less confusing to racers. Steve said all suggestions seemed doable. As stated earlier, Nick could be the one to build a new bridge for the course. It was also noted that we will have a new company (to be determined) to time the race. Mark has requested information from several companies – one response for about \$1700 – he thinks we probably can get what we need for around \$1000. Appreciation was made to all the volunteers and the Scouts for the food served. Kudos to Mark and Vicki and their “crew”.

Bill mentioned that many people thanked him for a wonderful race.

Old Business

Lars said he thinks we should have more brochures printed without the new map since DCR has had maps of Wompatuck printed. Steve says the amount of maps should last until the Spring or early Summer and it was decided to get 5000 old brochures printed now and continue work on the new map/brochure so it will be ready next Spring. Lars and Carl will determine who will do the printing of the old brochures.

Some of the trails in Wompatuck have been given names over the years. There was a discussion about putting these names on our new maps. It was decided that the name probably could not be on the map itself but maybe could be on a legend with a brief description of how it got its name. More discussion needs to be done before a determination is made.

Next Trail Care Day November 6th (Saturday)

Next Meeting Monday, October 18th, 2010 at 7:00 PM, Wompatuck Visitors Center

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Jane A. Goldberg
Treasurer