

Fow Meeting October 2006

In attendance: Eric O, Jim D, Paul p., Ed L., Pam L., Andy M, John J, Steve G, Malcolm N, Bill B., Chris H., Kevin C., Patrick D., Ron C.

Board Members absent: Steve Cobble

Meeting called to attendance at 7:03 PM by Bill Boles

Report from Officers:

Bill Boles, President- Successful events (NEMBAfest and Landmine Classic) We probably had about 700 people come to Womp. We had 40 volunteers. Landmine was run as a benefit for FOW. NEMBAFest was run as a benefit for New England Mountain Bike Assoc. We have gotten a grant to erect docks for 2 ponds. Proposal for disk golf course is still just a proposal. 5 kiosks have been erected around the park by Steve G and his crew. Minutes accepted from last meeting unanimously.

Steve Cobble, VP- absent. Bill reminded people about trail work day this w/e.

Chris Hebert, Treasurer- Revenues for Landmine \$5900. Expenses: \$2003 Net profit: \$2900.
Revenues for Concession: Net profit: \$635.
Current checking balance: \$6414.13 (-720 to Kevin for t-shirts)

Eric Oddleifson, Secretary- Newsletter sent out, Membership now at 22-23, Jim D is now taking over 501c3 app, propose FOW getting a credit card to start paying for website monthly fee.

Old Business-

Landmine Classic review. We had 3 loops for different skill levels. 177 racers at Landmine. EFTA event that same day drew 122. This was a NORBA event this year. It has been a EFTA event. Steve G felt it was the best event Wompatuck has ever had. Atmosphere was great. Chris brought up the idea of doing NEMBAFest the same w/e as the Landmine. Phillip Keys, NEMBA president, is open to the idea and wants to discuss it further in the coming months. Root 66 was a big part of the success. The moonwalk was a big success which Jill & Chris Logan of Root 66 brought with them to be used by everyone at no charge. Originally, we had talked about doing two races per year but right now the group feels one is enough.

We do need more FOW volunteers next year. Make our membership aware that this is our fund raiser. We need to start signing up volunteers early.

Kevin and Eric will be attending a Root 66 race series promoter meeting next week to decide upon a date.

Kevin provided a worksheet he uses to organize the Landmine. He discussed numerous ideas to make the race better including, marketing, more selection with food, could FOW help buy large coolers?, have an EMT volunteer or a first aide station, more course marshals, cell number list for all volunteers to improve communication during the event, race day info flyer with map on one side, trash barrels, changing the course design, trying to add a bike wash, improving staging for the race using caution tape, change to 1 minute b/t fields rather than 2 minutes, numbering on the calf, signage for registration

to differentiate where pre registered riders go versus day of riders. Eric nominated as new race director. Seconded by the group.

Kevin and Paul received plaques from FOW expressing our appreciation for all of their hard work.

New course layout- Kevin would like to change it to one long loop, such as 25 miles. We could market this as a prelude to the Vt 50. Kevin was also thinking about creating a 2 lap class. This would be a marathon class as defined by NORBA(National Off Road Bicycle Association). This longer lap would need to be on both sides the park. Crossing and actual layout to be decided.

Jim Dillon- Update on 501c3 form. He will help out with it in collaboration with Eric. Once we have the form filled out in a basic capacity our lawyer, Kenneth Appleby will look at it to make sure it is ready to be submitted. Lawyer is free but cost to file is \$500-600.

Kiosk update- Plexiglass needs to be installed before winter. Eric will meet with anyone in two weeks. Do walk rules.. paperwork, maps. We will meet Sat the 28th at 9 AM. Eric will post via e-mail. Steve G will put in gatehouse. Just a gate key to open. Andy has plans for pamphlet boxes. We are still working on acquiring material.

Dock project- Steve G. stated we only have 10,000 from REI b/c we did not receive state matching funds. We will now put in floating docks. Man from Scituate will be build two docks. One in Holly pond and one in the reservoir. We can have flat bottom boats in the reservoir. docks will be 8 feet by 20 feet with ramps leading down to them. They will be installed Dec 1st!

Bunker Project- Making progress. Colby has been working with Jim Rose on history. Dan who is doing painting has door all sanded and primed. Tim who is doing site work has the area toughed in. Footing is in for the ramp. He is running into trouble finding contractors to donate cement.

Disc Golf- Still up in the air. A walk through was done. Motion was made to table the idea until we hear from them. Seconded by group unanimously.

New Business-

Trail Maintenance Day on this Sunday- Many cutbacks to do. Mostly on left side of park. Right side of park was cutback pre-Landmine. Patrick Dorsey gave suggestions for projects around the park. Steve C is looking for a comrade to help out with ideas. Pat brought up some ideas and areas that could use work over by the reservoir. Bill expressed the concern that upcoming drops need to have signage for riders so people know what is coming up ahead.

Malcolm Nielson- He developed a materials list for Ames Nowell which he presented to the group. This would allow him to build bridges over wet areas. Bill says we can apply for \$500 NEMBA trail grant which Malcolm could use. Bill also suggested we use some of FOW funds for trail maintenance at Womp and Ames Nowell. Malcolm is also developing a bike patrol for SE NEMBA. Each patrol participant is CPR and first aide certified. Bill also suggested Malcolm and Bill come up with a material list for Womp and Ames Nowell which will we vote on next meeting

Eagle Scout project- Troupe from Norwell. Has put up benches around park at all the ponds and at the top of Prospect Hill. Another Eagle Scout did fence in front of Blue Spring. A third Eagle Scout was given a project to build a bridge over wet areas near S. Pleasant Street.

John Jacoppo- Says he has access to long slabs of granite curbing which could be used in the park.

FOW credit card- Eric made a motion to get one for the group. Seconded by the group.

Ed & Pam- Parksproject.org. They are a non profit business whose purpose do recorded interpretive programs (glacial erratics) for people to find out about the park. Developed October activities. They are here for Sept and Oct. Ed is a retired teacher. He wants to bring field science and outdoor studies to the park. Ed & Pam will be doing a couple of more educational events over the next couple of w/e's. They travel from park to park to develop educational

Time and Day for next Meeting: November 21st, 2006 at 7 PM in the VC

Meeting closed by Bill Boles at 8:35 PM

Submitted by;

Eric Oddleifson
FOW Secretary