

FOW 10/16/17 Meeting

Meeting opens 7:04 PM

Members and guests present: Vicki Schow, Mark Schow, Kai & Lili Schow, Tim Friedmann, Sandy Cole, Doug Luoma, Lars Ahlzen, Bill Boles, Bradley Sands, Jonathan Miller

1, Officers Reports

Secretary's Report – Bill Boles noted that the minutes had been sent out with the meeting notice. **Motion** accept the treasurer's report with a couple of small revisions. It was accepted. **Unanimous**

Treasurer's Report – Doug Luoma reviewed our finances since the last meeting: We showed a healthy profit from the Landmine and he is in the process of paying for our 2018 insurance. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report. Accepted **Unanimous**

Membership – Sand Cole reports that we now have 191 household members.

The annual appeal letter will go out soon. Lars suggested that it be in color, with pix and listing 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals.

Action Item: Sandy & Bill Boles will work up a draft.

Trails – Tim Friedman reported on the 10/14 work day. In the rain 8 people improved the drainage at NW-10, cut back brush on trails and smoothed out parts of the pump track.

Suggestions: Put a trash barrel near the pump track. * Brad Sands will handle that.

Possibility of putting an observation platform near the head of the track that people could sit on and parents could use to watch their kids. – Will be explored.

Bike repair stand: - Tim reported the results of his research. Three stands were reviewed. After much discussion one was chosen. **Motion** – To authorize the expenditure of up to \$2000 to purchase and install the stand provided it gets a DCR okay. Vote **Unanimous**.

Future projects – South Field improvements, Union Street "sidewalk" at the choke point.

Next Trail Care Day will be on 11/5 or 11/12. Possible projects include Pitcher Pond Bridge repairs and trail clearing.

2, Bylaw Revisions

Vicki led a lengthy discussion of the bylaw committee's suggested changes. **Motion** – Include a copy of the revised bylaws with the next meeting notice. A vote to be taken if there are no more suggested changes. Vote was **unanimous**.

3, FOW Accomplishments and Goals

To prepare for the Annual Appeal letter a list of accomplishments and goals was begun.

2017 Accomplishments

Gammon Bridge, Pump Track, Trail Improvements, 4 Trail Care days, map revisions, including the interactive map, Snowpatuck, The Wompy Warriors, Wompatuck Discovery day.

2018 Goals

Trail Improvements, South Field expansion, Union Street "sidewalk", Bike Repair Station, Observation Deck

4, New Business

Consider the possibility of a marked "Heart Healthy" type bicycle route.

A test version of same could be added to the interactive map. Layout efforts will begin soon.

Meeting Adjourns: 9:10.