

FOW Meeting November 2006

Present: Bill B, Jim D, Jim R, Chris H., Steve G., Alma M., John from Marathon Sports, Steve C., Eric O., Kevin C.

Absent: All board members present.

Meeting called to order by Bill B. at 7:25 PM. Minutes accepted from October FOW Meeting unanimously.

Board Updates:

Bill B.- Introductions.

Steve C.- Set up trail date for the spring. Tentative date is for June 3, 2007.

Chris H.-Expense's this past month totaled \$2,035.52. Ending balance is \$4437.03. Treasurer obtained a debit card to be used to pay for the website. Eric will contact Chris to change billing information.

Eric- IMBA policy expired, Starbucks will donate \$1,000 if they can participate with 6 people in an event. Motion to renew was approved by all and we should develop a waiver. Eric to talk to Starbucks can they split employees so 3 would work one event and 3 at another? Also, would all of the volunteers come from one store?

Old Business:

Jim D- Question related to relationship b/t Ames Nowell and Wompatuck. Are we going to be supplying Ames Nowell with funds? No we would not unless approved by FOW.

Kiosks- Jim D gave overview of progress. Need to put up emergency phone numbers. Signs will be made for the kiosks indicating "Doanne Street Entrance, " South Pleasant Street Entrance". FOW has covered 5 kiosks with Plexiglasses and has put up current signage. We will obtain 5 large xerox maps to place on the kiosks before the onset of winter. Map boxes on hold until Andy has some time. Chris will give materials to Steve G. who may have a contact at a local lumbar company. Each kiosk will have two boxes for FOW brochure and map but Whitney Woods will have 3 for Whitney Map.

Bunker Project- They continue to do work such as painting and sanding. The biggest obstacle is finding a contractor to do the ramp work.

501c3 App- Eric organized initial materials but passed the paperwork to Chris H. who has some time at the moment to work on the application.

Docks- Steve G. states they are currently being built. Will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Increasing membership- Ways to increase membership. Hand out brochures when we are in the park. Possible tag cars with brochures. Utilize the local papers to let community know what we are doing. Next year we should push for membership. Put in banner at top of kiosks saying www.fow.org. We could also send in meeting announcements to the Boston Globe, Hingham Journal, Patriot Ledger.

Also put one inside kiosks. Bulletin Boards around town. REI, Brewed Awakening, Starbucks. Eric will continue to print brochures (need to make up a few hundred) Any courses around here that students could print our brochure as a project? Maybe a voc. tech?

Landmine Classic Update- Will be held with NEMBAFEST on Sept 8th and 9th! Short track will be on Sat and

Sunday. Sunday's race distance is still being explored. We would like to run an 18-19 miles X-country course and a Marathon event at the same time. Steve G said he would bring his band to play.

New Business:

Board Elections: Bill opened the floor for people to start thinking officer positions. We could send an e-mail to the membership similar to last year. Send e-mail to membership with a small description of each position asking for nominations. (Find old wompyfriends posting about descriptions of each officers position.) Get replies back for next meeting. After we receive nominations, send out e-mail ballot. Open period for nominations will conclude at the next meeting. Then, electronic ballot will be sent out, due back by the January meeting.,

Trail markers for runners: Alma is a runner who would like the trails to be marked more clearly. John from Marathon Sports also attended the meeting to offer his thoughts. People from the store have been running at the park for the last few months. He would like to create more signage for runners. The idea would be to create several suggested loops using colors. Steve G has concerns about using colored trails b/c if a sign is lost at an intersection then you would not know where to go. Steve suggested using colored tree marking tape you could put directly under current trail signs. Steve is also concerned about setting up colored trails b/c then everyone will want to setup a course and trails may become overused. Suggestion was made to set up several varying distance trails. Eric will try to get samples of trail markers. If we can figure out a solution then Marathon Sports may be able to contribute to the purchasing of makers. Steve C suggested having one large map inside the VC with designated multi use trails and have small cards with printed out trails markers. We could also possible change the colors of the current signs.

Jim R- John Richardson may be able to come to Womp and present on Indian artifacts and history of the park.

Jim D- We need to develop a master list of groups we can sent information to about events, meetings, etc.

Next Meeting will be Monday Dec 11th at 7 PM
Then, January 15th at 7 PM tentatively.

Meeting adjourned by Bill B. at 8:50 PM unanimously by group.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Oddleifson
FOW Secretary

