

FOW Meeting Minutes December 11, 2006

Attendance: Bill B, Jim D., Chris H., Steve G., Jim R., Eric O., Steve C., Emma

Absent:

Officers Report:

Bill- Final list for candidates proposed: Bill for president, Vice President Steve Cobble, Treasurer Chris Hebert, Secretary Eric Oddleifson. We will skip the January meeting and vote during the February Meeting. Secretary stated no one else has put forth their name for a board position. Current slate was unanimously agreed upon. Secretary will send out note to membership indicating slate for elections. We will do an online vote for the membership then vote finally at the Feb meeting. Secretary will send out a note to Wompofriends list indicating if they would like to vote and are interested in joining and attach a link to our website. Also indicate that nominations are not closed and people can bring nominations to the February meeting.

Bill also raised the issue of how to increase membership including tagging cars, bringing brochures to Mass Bay Road Club, put notices in the local paper. Eric raised the question of developing a position within FOW for publicity director. Everyone agreed this is needed but since the call for nominations, no one has offered to assume that role.

Steve C. - Started the process of getting contacts in the local paper announcing meetings and other park/ FOW events.

Chris H. - Ending balance \$4437.04 last month. We had some expenses but no income. Chris obtained an FOW debit card to pay for the website. \$4224.31 is our current balance. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report. Accepted unanimously. A copy of the debit card is in Chris and Bill's possession.

Eric O. - Website redone. Take a look when you get a chance. Large maps were made and are currently being laminated.

Old Business:

Scout Projects- Bunker project is status quo. Eagle Scout Alex installed his last bench by Woodpecker pond and they are excellent.

Dock Project- Dock is going in the water at Holly Pond

501c3 application- Update from Chris Hebert. There are a couple of issues with our by laws and articles which will need to be changed before we submit. We are able to amend by laws internally without resubmitting to the state but changed articles need to be resubmitted to the state. Question was raised about what exactly constitutes our bylaws.

Secretary read a definition from Robert's Rules of Order of articles and by-laws. We need to add an additional Article or Organization indicating where our money would be allocated if the group were dissolved. A discussion followed about possible recipients including NEMBA and DCR. Bill Boles mentioned a local non-profit and will relay that information to Chris Hebert who is filling out the 501c3. A motion was made to accept Bill Boles proposed alteration to the articles which he will submit to the Board. This was agreed upon unanimously by the board and the members present.

Running Club- Steve G says since they are a company for profit they have to obtain a permit to hold weekly group runs. This is required since the runs are advertised (in company brochure). Group is to come up with proposed trail routes. Steve C. came up the idea of putting highlighting maps on the website that people could copy and bring with them.

Kiosks- Cedar pamphlet holders are done. We will get information sheets from Steve G, Steve C will obtain laminated maps from Dave Furey at Blue Hills. Jim D brought in two examples of the map holders so we could decide upon the hinges. Group decided upon using firehouse as the hinge. Group talked about the best way to attach to the kiosks. Jim D will follow through with installation once we have all of the materials ready to update the kiosks at one time. They will not be stained but left to age. Drain holes will be put in the bottom and the Plexiglas front will be more permanently attached so it cannot be easily removed.

New Business-

Bird feeders-Bill B noticed yellow cardboard bird feeders along the right hand side of the road every 100 feet. Steve G was not aware of this and will look into them.

February Meeting will be our annual meeting and election. Meeting will be on **Monday February 12th, 2007**. Group accepted this date unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:40 PM by Bill B. Unanimously accepted by the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Oddleifson
Secretary.