

# FOW Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2021

## Attendees:

Vicki Schow-President

Bill Boles-Secretary (part time)

Doug Luoma-Treasurer

Sandy Cole-Membership Chair

Tim Friedmann-Trails Chair

Peter Williams, Steve Cobble, Ed Martin, Steve Gammon, Lars Ahlzen, Sandy Cole, Robert Jeffers, John Smallcomb, Rich Kantor

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03pm. The meeting started with attendees introducing themselves.

**1. Secretary Report- Motion:** To accept the August. Secretary's report with one revision. **Unanimous**

## **2. Vice President's Report**

Lars indicated that he was continuing with his efforts to upgrade the web site.

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

Doug reviewed the November figures as posted in the meeting announcement. **Motion:** To accept. **Unanimous**

## **4. Membership Report**

Sandy reported that the Friends of Wompatuck (FOW) membership has grown by two in the last month to 311 households.

## **5. Trails/Bridge Repair Day Report**

Tim noted that two bridge projects were completed last month which included the repair of the Zigzag bridge south of intersection marker S22 and replacement of the bridge south of intersection marker S16. Peter reported that the bridge east of N18 will be replaced the week after Christmas as a boy scout project, possibly on December 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Matt Tobin of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be coordinating the work for the Park. Peter noted that Matt Tobin has filed the request for next year Students Conservation Association trail project which will involve the removal of the existing stone stream ford and installation of a new bridge at the stream crossing northwest of intersection marker R3.

Doug reported that he has removing some of the low branches along the Snowpatuck groomed trail routes and that the DCR staff will be assisting with the tree trimmer recently purchased by FOW for the Park.

Peter also recognized and thanked the DCR staff for their support for FOW's bridge projects this year.

## 6. **Elections:**

The election of next years officers, chairs and Board of Director (BOD) member was held. Peter nominated himself as the Trails Chair. A **motion** was made and **accepted unanimously** to vote on the slate of officers, chairs and BOD members in one vote. The slate, shown below, was elected unanimously.

President: Vicki Schow

V. President: Lars Ahlzen

Secretary: Bill Boles

Treasurer: Doug Luoma

Executive Board: Peter Williams

Trails Chair: Peter Williams

## 7. **Grove Street Entrance Update**

Doug reported that the Town of Norwell will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring when the landscaping is completed. Peter report that he had visited the site the prior week and observed that the bridge decking was not properly spaced. He had reported this to the Town of Norwell and they indicated that that were aware of the issue and were working with their engineer on the matter.

## 8. **Wompy Warriors**

Vicki noted that registration for the 2022 Wompy Warriors is open and will be limited to returning riders and those riders who participated in the October 2021 trial rides. The copyright issues with the 2022 charter have not been resolved. Kevin Chichlowski of Bike Barn Racing has indicated that he is OK if FOW does not does contest the charter changes. A **motion** was made and **accepted unanimously** to allow Vicki to seek legal counsel if after the meeting with New England Youth Cycling, she considers it appropriate.

## 9. **All Trails Award**

Steve Gammon noted that the has a draft of the application form and program description. He is waiting on input from Peter.

## 10. **Snowpatuck/Winterfest 2022**

After discussion of the possible options, it was agreed that that the 2022 Snowpatuck will include a month long DIY ride, and a one day event on February 6<sup>th</sup> with led rides and digital trail routes. Routes will not be arrowed. It is anticipated that South East chapter of New England Mountain Biking Association will co-sponsor the event. The one day event will be dependent on DCR COVID policies at the time. Vicki to contact and work with the DCR on the event permit. Steve Cobble in conjunction with Brian Carlson and Kevin Chichlowski will work on the trail routes.

## **11. Projects for 2022**

The high priority project for 2022 will be the acquisition of crushed stone and placement of the crushed stone in muddy and flooded locations along the trails. Peter indicated that the listing of locations and estimated quantities for the placement of crushed stone will be presented at the January meeting. The installation of additional playground equipment under the DCR cost sharing program will be investigated. Due to program scheduling the equipment will not occur until 2023.

## **12. Old Business**

A. Picture Pond Bridge: Steve Cobble raised concerns with deteriorated condition of the bridge at the Picture Pond outlet near intersection marker MH2. Peter indicated that he would set up a meeting with Matt Tobin to review the condition of the bridge. Steve Gammon and Steve Cobble asked that they be invited to the meeting.

B. Womp Romp 2: Robert announced that they had started planning for a second Womp Romp on October 22, 2022. The event will include a kid's, 10 mile and 50 Kilometer runs. Runners will be asked to make a donation to FOW. Already runners have donated approximately \$117 to FOW. Robert indicated it would be helpful to the runners if more general direction signs were installed.

C. LandMine Trailer Repairs: Doug noted that the tires and wheels on the Landmine trailer appear to need replacement. A motion was made and accepted unanimously to spend \$400 for the replacement of the tires and wheels on the LandMine trailer.

D. Snow Trail Clearing Equipment: Doug suggested that the FOW should consider purchasing a SnowDog for the grooming of single-track trails after snow storms. It was agreed that Doug should investigate the possible purchase of a SnowDog. Steve Cobble suggested that FOW purchase a helmet for a member of the snow grooming crew whose head is too big for the existing helmets. A **motion** was made and **accepted unanimously** to spend \$200 for the purchase a helmet and gloves.

## **13. Old Business**

A. Park Supervisor: Vicki reported that Matt Tobin informed her that Brian Bigelman has been hired as the Park Supervisor III for Wompatuck. He comes from The Boston Harbor Islands and has been hired as a Seasonal Supervisor for the next 4 months. He will continue to push for a year-round position.

Meeting Adjourns: 8:50 PM Recorded by Peter Williams