

FOW Meeting 2/12/2007

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Bill Boles

Present: Bill B., Steve G., Chris H., Eric O., Steve C., Malcolm N., Jim R., John G., Jim D., Ed M., Alma D., Eleanor K., Kevin C.

Officers Report:

Bill, P.-Docks went in successfully last December at Holly. We are at work on 501c3 application.

Steve, V.P.- Next Trail Date is June 2nd. REI and Starbucks want to be involved. Possibly schedule something in March as well to clean up the park.

Chris, Treasurer- Revenues over last 60 days is \$50. Expenses have been \$628.73. More information available upon request (\$3645)

Eric, Secretary- Current membership is 24 paid. Board insurance policy will be coming up for renewal in April and IMBA policy will be renewed shortly by Chris H.

Membership Report: 24 paid members at this time. 2 new members since the last meeting. Need to keep the VC stocked as well as the kiosks. We will promote membership more heavily during the spring and summer.

501c3 Application: Chris H. sought input from the group on the form and is making steady progress. He is hoping to have the form submitted to our lawyer (pro bono) within the next two months.

The Dock Project: Both are out of the water at the moment. One will be in Holly pond and one will be in the Reservoir at the boat landing.

Reservoir news- Reservoir is controlled by the Cohasset water department so they dictate if boats (non motor) can use the reservoir, not Steve G. Steve G. suggested that FOW go to the Cohasset water dept. to suggest they change their current restrictions for the use of the reservoir. Bill B. will meet with Steve G after the meeting and stated he would contact the water dept.

Trail Care Dates 2007- June 2nd is the big day with REI and possibly Starbucks. Steve C. suggested a day in March as well to clean up the park. Most likely on March 18th we will hold a trail care day as well. This will be on a Sunday. Malcolm, who is now a Scout Leader, stated he could mobilize many scouts to help clean up the park but is thinking he could not do this on the weekend of the 24th / 25th. He will check and get back to Steve C so he can finalize the date. Bill Boles stated NEMBA trail grants are awarded as of March 1st. Application process is open as of right now. Steve G applied for one for Wompatuck / Ames Noel. Malcolm will apply for an Ames Noel grant.

Kiosk Update- Several FOW members are stocking the kiosk on a regular basis. Plans to beautify in the spring with rocks and possibly indigenous fauna.

Boy Scout Update- Atomic Bunker

Dan Benza- Painting of the area is near completion and is waiting for warmer weather to finish up.

Colby Alves- This history sign text has been written and is being edited by Steve G and Jim R. The memorial garden will be installed by early spring. The benches have already been obtained and await installation.

Tim Benza- This aspect of the restoration is back on track. Weather permitting some work will be done during Feb vacation. A concrete form contractor has been lined up as well as concrete and crushed stone for the walkway.

Disk Golf update- No representatives for this project present. Item moved until the next meeting.

Election of Officers-

Bill Boles calls for nominations. Current slate is Bill Boles for President, Steve Cobble for Vice President, Chris Hebert for Treasurer, and Eric Oddleifson for Secretary. No new candidates identified. The group voted unanimously to close the nomination period. All interested parties are running unopposed. Those present elected each candidate to another year term unanimously.

Landmine Update- Eric and Kevin from Bike Barn presented current Landmine Classic course proposal. Eric outlined course and presented sideshows of transitions across Union. Group accepted proposed course with transitions, feed zone, and Beg. Loop. Eric will identify approximate number of volunteers and course marshals needed and will inform the group at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Kiosks- There is no cedar pamphlet holder at the Whitney Woods intersection. Need to get one installed. Only one report of discarded brochures on the trails. We are getting positive feedback for the kiosks. Steve G will get stone for Doanne Street entrance. Jim D. stated we should landscape the kiosk in the lower VC first since this is the most visible one. He is thinking of moving native rocks to frame the area rather than planting scrub and brush.

New Business:

Trustees Maps in Kiosks- A newer map is being created. Ed would like to put these maps in the Womp. Kiosks. Steve G. said that would be fine. Ed will send them to Steve

G. Ed reports ATV use in Whitney Woods which have caused problems with walkers and they are doing damage to the trees and shrubs.

South Shore Quests- Publish a book annually describing clue based walks in the woods to find a small 'treasure' chest. Different from geocaching in that geocaching uses a GPS device. Eleanor from SSQ attending tonight's meeting to broach the idea of a future collaboration with FOW.

Dates for upcoming meetings- March 19th (Monday) and April the 23rd (Monday)

Meeting adjourned by Bill B. at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Oddleifson
February 12, 2007