



April 15, 2013

Minutes of Meeting

Present –Lars S. (VP), Steve G.(Park Supervisor), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C.(Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Tyler E.(Landmine), Pam J. (Secretary), Patrick Moclea (Eagle Scout Project), CJ Grazioso (Eagle Scout Project), John K. (FOW), Judy S. (FOW), Wayne S. (FOW), Peter W. (FOW), Lisa Patterson (Kid's PMC Ride), David S. (FOW)

Number Present: 15

Meeting Convened at 7:03 P.M.

Minutes are Presented in Agenda Order

Introductions were made. In Bill's (President) absence Lars will run the meeting.

VP Report (Lars A.)

Lars said he will provide comments throughout the meeting. He mentioned that REI added the Park Serve event on April 20th to the REI calendar.

Secretary (Pam J.)

Pam thanked Lars for the February minutes and Jane for the March minutes. No corrections were offered to the report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Treasurer (Jane G.)

Jane reported that there is currently \$25,260.15 in the account. She commented that \$2K had been approved for paving if DCR does not fund that project. No corrections were offered to the report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Membership (Sandy C.)

Sandy reported that one new Benefactor member joined FOW. We currently have over 20 members who joined as Benefactors. Total membership count is 134. No corrections were offered to the report. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Trails Report (Carl C.)

Carl noted that this coming Saturday, April 20th is Park Serve Day. DCR will provide the flowers to be planted. There is a lot of work to be completed. More discussion later in the meeting will address projects.

Website (Vicki S. – not present)

Lars reported that Vicki continues to maintain the website from afar.

Funding of Scout Projects

All present contributed thoughts and comments on the need to have more formal guidelines in place for funding projects. FOW should consider addressing how much time is needed to process a scout request, how that request should be made and how to get updates on project status. Discussion also ensued to address whether or not FOW should fund projects at Ames Nowell Park, our “sister” park. All agreed that we should define the process. Jane will contact Andy Mills to learn more about the requirements for Eagle Scout projects. Steve G. will invite Mark Brown to an FOW meeting to talk about guidelines. As a minimum, scouts should have to present a proposal with a budget, provide monthly status updates and we should define a limit to the amount of money that will be granted.

Scout Project Updates

CJ Grazioso will be working with Mark (Supervisor at Ames Nowell) to paint and fix up the building at the park entrance. CJ requested \$606 from FOW to cover the costs of supplies, including paint. He will start working on the project Tuesday morning and will work all week. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Patrick Maclea will be working at Ames Nowell marking trails. He has 49 trail markers similar in style to Wompatuck trail markers and he will be working with Lars on mapping. Patrick requested \$250 from FOW to cover the costs of supplies. A motion was made and seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

Steve G. reported that Girl Scout Mia Bornstein continues working on her project.

South Shore Science Center

This topic will be addressed further at the next meeting by Louise Beaudry. Steve G. recapped prior discussions. Louise is interested in presenting programs to campers at the park. Our Park Interpreter, Bill, finishes his programs in August. Steve suggested we consider offering 4 summer and 4 fall programs, and we should consider holiday weekends for scheduling. Steve will ask Bill to speak with Louise to make program decisions. The fees are \$200 for the first hour of the first session; \$100 thereafter for program sessions.

Kid's PMC Ride

We welcomed Lisa Patterson as she prepares for the 7th Annual PMC South Shore Kids Ride on Sunday, June 9th. Riders will be able to pick up registration packets on Saturday, June 8th. All volunteers must register on line. Please see details below regarding volunteering. Lisa said they are making some changes this year including a dedicated finish area, dedicated volunteers to assist with family questions while riders are out on trails and on paved rides and improved signage. Signs will be placed for traffic leaving the park to alert drivers that bikers may be on the roads ahead of the park exit. They will be using bike racks, balloons and more volunteers to help manage and direct traffic. They plan to place signs on June 8th. Lisa expressed concern that police officers need to remain attentive to ride activities. Steve G. suggested Lisa engage DCR Rangers and he will help facilitate those arrangements. Carl agreed to address trail safety, including safety over rail road tracks. Lisa reported that in 2012 the riders raised \$50K for the charity. Suggestion was made to post the information on the FOW website and to send information to the FOW membership. FOW is happy to support this effort.

7th ANNUAL PMC SOUTH SHORE KIDS RIDE AT THE STARTING LINE at DCR WOMPATUCK STATE PARK

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:00 a.m., children from ages 3-15 will push off on their tricycles and bicycles in the 7th annual Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) South Shore Kids Ride. Peddling between 1/8 and 6 miles in DCR Wompatuck State Park, participants will raise funds for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. Prior to the ride, a large team of volunteers is needed to sign up for marshaling bike loops, monitoring the bike routes, check-in, parking, set-up, and clean-up. Riders are required to raise \$25.00 with hopes they will be able to reach out farther into their communities and raise at least \$50.00. Registration for riders and volunteers is now open at <http://kids.pmc.org/hingham>. For more information about volunteering and rider participation, please email PMC South Shore Kids Ride co-chairs, Lisa Patterson or Jackie Temple at pmchingham@comcast.net.

About South Shore PMC Kids

The South Shore PMC Kids ride brings over 450 young cyclists from South Shore communities and beyond to DCR Wompatuck State Park each year to raise money for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. It is part of the larger adult PMC Ride effort to draw young cyclists into the Pan-Mass Challenge mission. Collectively, more than 6,000 cyclists between the ages of 2 and 15 ride between one and 26 miles, engaging in philanthropy and learning the value of working for the benefit of others. PMC Kids also promotes the healthy benefits of physical activity and athletic fitness among youth.

Lisa Patterson, Coordinator 2013 Pan-Mass Challenge South Shore Kids Ride
Register to Ride, Virtually Ride or Volunteer on Sunday, June 9, 9am-12pm
A Fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
<http://www.kids.pmc.org/hingham>

TTOR Volunteer Project

Lisa Caissie from The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) attended the meeting to talk about the data base she worked on to manage statewide volunteers for TTOR. Lisa is the Director of managing volunteer work at the 113 TTOR properties. The data base allows for the pre-registration of volunteers for service projects and allows for proper screening of volunteer skills, qualifications to use certain types of equipment and to assign meaningful tasks to all volunteers. REI approved a grant and funded the TTOR efforts to create a data base. With 3 part-time staffers, Lisa created a data base from past records using a volunteer data base management software system. There is an advance registration component, volunteer job description information, ability to get information for CORI checks and to process volunteer skills to minimize liability when assigning jobs to volunteers.

Steve G. met Lisa at a meeting to discuss how local groups and organizations could work together to share information and to have a volunteer data base that could benefit all. This would help DCR track volunteer hours as well as take advantage of all previously cited benefits.

All agreed this is a great idea and a good opportunity to get organized. We also recognized this is a tremendous effort to create and maintain a good online system. Steve G. will contact representatives from the Boston Harbor Islands and other Friends groups to determine if there is collective interest. If enough groups are interested a separate meeting will be arranged for discussion.

Friends of Nantasket Beach

Sheila Connors was unable to attend. We will move this discussion to the next FOW meeting.

Park Serve Day 4/20/2013

Steve G. said DCR will provide flowers and plants for Park Serve Day on Saturday, April 20th. We also need to continue trail clean up and general trash clean up. Lars is planning to test installing bridge supports for one of the plank bridges and will enlist appropriate volunteers to help on Saturday.

More Trail Care Sessions

May 19

June 15

August 18

2013 FOW Projects

We need to address the flooding issue at the Doane Street entrance. Steve G. will plan a visit to the site in Pembroke to see what they did for bridging in a similar setting.

Landmine

Tyler reported Landmine 2013 is underway.

Old and New Business

Will be addressed at next meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 20th at 7 PM.

Don't forget Park Serve Day on Saturday, April 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Submitted by Pam J.