



October 18, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Bill B. (President), Lars A. (Vice President), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Pam J. (Secretary), Tyler E. (VP for Trails), Jane G. (Treasurer), Jerry G. (FOW), Sandy C. (Membership), Carl C. (FOW), David S. (FOW), Judy S. (FOW), Arthur and Kim H. (FOW)

Number present: Lucky 13

Meeting convened at 7:03 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

President Bill Boles introduced himself and asked for other introductions.

Bill remarked on the amazing conditions in the Park and what a beautiful Fall we are enjoying!

VP Report (Lars)

Lars said he would address all of his items as they came up in the agenda.

Secretary's Report (Pam)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September minutes; the vote was unanimous to accept. Pam thanked Jane for doing a terrific job taking the minutes for September.

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported the current balance in the account is \$22,038.28.

Landmine totals are as follows: Revenue: \$17,097.14; Expenses: \$8,745.57; Net: \$8,352.14. Jane noted that we have not received an invoice from Root 66. Jane also thanked Kevin and Bikebarn for the Tee Shirt donation as all proceeds were realized as profit.

Jane is waiting for Eric O. to submit invoices for new Trailwatch jackets/shirts.

A membership check was returned for insufficient funds. The check amount was \$15 and the bank fee was \$10. The member was identified; the membership was purchased for a friend of the member. Jane sent a letter requesting a new check to cover the membership and bank fee and has not heard back from the individual. Sandy will watch for the names on the membership list; FOW will cover the new member for this year.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Membership (Sandy)

We had 1 new member and a \$100 renewal. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Webpage Report (Vicki)

We will look forward to Vicki's report at the next meeting!

Trails Report (Tyler)

Tyler noted that several bridges are in need of repair. Trail improvements for S19 to the East area were assessed by Tyler, Steve G., Mark, Vicki and Lars. Steve G. will be working with the Eagle Scout candidate (Nick P.) on these projects.

For the November 6th Trail Care event Tyler will identify bridges needing repair; NW10 needs work for infrastructure repair; NW4 needs hardening. Steve G. needs to pour footings for bridge work. Steve had noted earlier that he is currently the "signatory" at Home Depot.

The bushes at the front entrance need to be replaced. The muck truck building needs to be stained.

Trail Care event will be held on November 6th and the rain date will be November 13th. Pam will email the scout troop that had contacted FOW and invite them to the event.

Trail Permitting and Internship (Brenton G. – reported by Steve G.)

Brenton is working on Power Point presentations for the town committees and will be presenting in the near future. Brenton will let FOW know when the presentations will be held.

Pratt Memorial Bench at Ames Nowell (Steve G.)

Steve G. worked with the Pratt family to select a location and granite bench (from Quincy Memorial) to be placed in Ames Nowell Park. Steve said the bench is very natural looking and will have a plaque (compliant with DCR specifications).

Another family has asked to donate a bench to the park. A motion was made and seconded for Steve G. to work with the family to select a location and bench; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Adopt-A-Trail (Bill B.)

Bill said the Friends of Blue Hills has a successful Adopt-A-Trail program. Individuals or groups commit to maintaining a section of trail for a period of time. The following activities were identified as next steps: (1) Tyler will create a Yahoo email and discussion group and will manage requests; (2) Tyler will create guidelines for what can and cannot be done to the trails; (3) the Adopt-A-Trail program should be added to the FOW website; (4) signs should be created to be posted in Wompatuck kiosks.

A motion was made and seconded to support a Wompatuck Adopt-A-Trail program; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Discussion ensued about the naming of trails. Steve G. indicated that trail naming should be related to historic reference or significance. A motion was made and seconded that trail naming will be put to review and vote by the FOW and Park Supervisor; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Wompatuck Maps and Brochures (Lars A.)

With thanks to Carl, the beautiful FOW brochures were re-printed: 5 thousand color brochures were printed for \$429. Steve G. indicated that there is currently a supply of park maps to last through the Spring of 2011. Lars will continue working on the development of the Wompatuck map anticipating that FOW will need to start providing maps in the spring.

Eagle Scout Projects (Steve G.)

Steve will be working with Nick Pinto on the S19 to East area improvements.

Hingham High School Community Projects (Steve G.)

Steve anticipates that more HHS students will need to find community service projects at the beginning of 2011. There will be plenty of trail care and maintenance projects for any student to participate.

REI Product Donations (Lars A.)

Lars reported that Dane (from REI) contacted him and indicated that FOW could request \$300 in REI product donations in support of fundraising and FOW support activities. Lars accepted the offer; discussion followed that the gear donations could be used as “thank you” gifts at the next Trail Care event on November 6th. Pam and Lars will work together to select a variety of items from the REI website prior to the event.

Discussion followed that the November 6th Trail Care event should be presented as “Sponsored by REI” on signs and email announcements. The group also discussed providing REI with a complimentary corporate membership to thank REI for all of their financial and support at trail care activities. Bill B. recommended that Dane be presented with a membership certificate and FOW tee shirt. Recommendation was also made that REI be granted a complimentary advertisement spot on the new Wompatuck map next Spring. A motion was made and seconded that REI be recognized as the Trail Care sponsor, that REI receive a complimentary membership; and that a complimentary advertisement spot be reserved on the Wompatuck map; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Old Business

“Mile-A-Minute” Vine

Jane shared information about a vicious vine that can take over back yards and parks.

Landmine 2011 Timing

Tyler reported that Mark has identified BART Timing as an option to manage race results for Landmine 2011. The cost will be approximately \$850.

New Business

Triathlon

Sandy C. said a friend of his asked about the possibility of staging a triathlon in Wompatuck. Steve G. noted that there is no swimming allowed in the park. Steve suggested contacting Chris Hebert for information on other triathlons that have been held in the area.

Dogs on Doane Street, aka, "Dog Poop Alley"

There was a good deal of barking from several FOW members at the meeting on this subject. Dog owners are rude on Doane Street. They allow their dogs to poop on the road and they leave the doo; they also let their dogs run off leash and off voice command. If they bag the poo, they leave the bag on the side of the road. AGH! Two members in particular have had "run ins" with the dog owners on Doane Street. Steve G. will request signage from DCR about dog restrictions and etiquette (do dog owners even know what that word means? Sorry, venting.) Steve will also work on getting visible signs posted, possibly on the entrance gates, to indicate that the Doane Street area is a watershed area. Steve said he will also speak with the Cohasset Dog Officer to enforce poo rules. Bill B. made a "witty" comment about the lively discussion.

A motion was made and seconded that appropriate signs should be posted in the Park; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Canoes and Kayaks

Steve G. indicated that he had received an email inquiring about the use of canoes and kayaks in the Park. Steve referred the writer to contact the Town Of Cohasset. The Town said paddlers had permission to use both Lily Pond and Aaron River Reservoir. Steve contacted DCR with this confirmation of permission; paddlers will now be allowed to launch from Wompatuck. Steve will limit access to the launch sites.

How to Spend FOW Money

Bill B. asked the group to start thinking about how to use the funds FOW has raised. Judy S. suggested that benches be purchased and installed throughout the park. She has seen many folks out walking who would enjoy the opportunity to sit and relax and enjoy the park. The group agreed that this is a FANTASTIC way to use FOW funds and improve the park to the benefit of all. The group was asked to identify locations for benches. We will discuss benches and other funding uses at the next meeting.

Dates to Remember

REI Trail Care Day: November 6th (Saturday)

Next Meeting Date

November 15, 2010 at 7 PM, Wompatuck Visitor Center.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pam Johnson

FOW Secretary