

BFTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—November 10, 2011

Attendees: Larry Fariss, Hank Hoover, Nancy Reinhardt, James Kruse, and Cheryl Pixley

President Larry Fariss called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were APPROVED as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Reinhardt reported \$14,631.72 cash in the bank on 11/9/11. The Section 16 Toilet Fund actual collected balance is \$1,431.22 of the total \$6,000. Currently, Hank Hoover and Nancy Reinhardt are the signors on the bank account. Larry Fariss will become a signor as well.

Membership Report: Hank Hoover reported a new member, Linda Alumbaugh. Her membership registration form came from a brochure box at Fox Run. 2012 membership renewal forms will be mailed with the Nov. newsletter.

Hank has a key to the P.O. box and Nancy needs to have one as well. Nancy will ask Kristian Coyne for his key.

Old Business:

Section 16 Toilet Fund: The \$2000 pledged by SAMCOM has not yet been received. Larry will follow up. Judi Tobias is making application for a \$2,500 grant from Pikes Peak Community Foundation.

Website: Hank reported that Lisa Dorr has located two web designers that will each charge about \$1,500 to enhance the BFTA website. Lisa, Hank and Larry will form a task force to determine what content should be included on the public portion of the site and then will talk to the prospective vendors.

Friends Groups: Dana Nordstrom at County Parks is working to develop Friends groups for various parks. This could allow us more flexibility to do projects such as tree thinning by covering some of the liability. Hank will continue to monitor the progress of this program.

New Business:

Outgoing President: Larry thanked Hank for all his hard work and dedication to BFTA over the last few years. Among many other things, Hank was commended for doing a great job creating and managing our current website and organizing a wide variety of successful projects.

Proposed Sale of County Parkland: Larry wrote a position letter opposing the sale of park property and it was presented to the Parks Advisory Board on 11/9/11.

Black Forest Section 16 Mastication: Larry & Hank attended a meeting on 11/9/11 that was focused on the upcoming mastication of dog hair trees along the north section of the trail. Some progress was made toward reducing the impact on trail users. No mastication machinery will be allowed within 30 feet on either side of the trail. Colorado State Forestry has decided that citizen input will not be solicited, but Hank and Larry will ask for an informal meeting with Forestry Service officials.

Goals for 2012: Larry asked for input about what BFTA should concentrate on next year. Suggestions include: Website enhancements; Spend money in productive ways, such as adding a park bench to the Palmer Divide Trail; Encourage increased involvement of BFTA members and other citizens in our group and our projects; Expand our grassroots efforts to find trail links through neighborhoods and reenergize the Zone Leader program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Pixley