

Black Forest Trails Association Board of Directors Meeting

May 28, 2015

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Diane Hoover

Judi Tobias
Andy Meng

Cheryl Pixley
Steve Eckmann

Board Members Unable to Attend

Nancy Reinhardt
Dave Jones

Carolyn Brown

Barb Remy

The meeting was held at Larry Fariss's house and commenced at 7:10 PM.

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- Steve presented minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting; motion by Andy to accept, seconded by Diane; accepted by unanimous voice vote.
- Andy reported on financial status; no significant changes since last report.
 - YTD up about \$500 net, mainly due to new life memberships
 - We committed \$600 toward Hank's Memorial Bench; donation total about \$665, so we have about \$65 extra (see "Memorials" under "Old Business" for more information)

Old Business

- New Website – Andy Meng
 - running smoothly; Dave posting updates; receiving good number of visitors; Facebook page also being updated regularly and receiving good traffic.
- Friends Groups – Larry Fariss
 - BFRP Friends Group exploratory meeting was held at Cathedral Pines Lodge; about 20 people attended; BFTA and TOSC will continue to try to nurture that Friends group.
 - FRRP – Larry and Marilyn Gaffney led a cleanup effort. Jeremy Symes is happy with how the Friends group is contributing.
 - Cavaliers Club has "adopted" Homestead Ranch RP. Led cleanup day on 4/25. What does it take for them to officially be the Friends group?
ACTION (Cheryl): have Cavaliers inform EPC Parks (Dana Nordstrom) that they want to be the Friends group.
- Memorials – Larry Fariss
 - We met our \$600 target for Hank Hoover's memorial bench; wrote the check to EPC Parks; the bench has been purchased and is waiting at Jeremy's maintenance site; installation expected to be done as an Eagle Scout project; BFTA will announce the workday for additional volunteers. Jeremy thinks it will be done by the end of June.
 - What should we do with the \$65 extra? Ideas: improve Hank's site; maintain a memorial fund; donate to something in Hank's name; ... topic tabled until the next meeting, so we can see how the finished memorial turns out.
 - Commemorative paving stones purchased by BFTA have been installed in the Log School Park: BFTA, Ike Mosgrove, and Juels Kjeldsen. However, "Kjeldsen" was spelled "Kjeldson".
ACTION (Larry): follow up on spelling error.
- Falcon Regional Park – Judi Tobias
 - Eastern Plains Chamber of Commerce has adopted dog park; donated ~\$1000; will do another fundraiser this summer. No news on park construction schedule. Flooding may impact schedule.
- Map Materials for BF Festival – Cheryl Pixley

- Small map looks good! Desired changes: mute minor roads (gray?); show BF Section 16 all green to be easier to find, or at least make the green area wider so it can be seen; show Falcon Regional Park; show proposed trails in Pineries Open Space; can Rock Island Trail along US24 be made visible?; label US24, Hwy83, and Powers. Cheryl will ask for a revision with these changes, then we will mark up a pdf version prior to printing paper copies. Timeline: need final for BoD approval at next meeting, July 15.
ACTION (Andy): set up sub-committee meeting to do markup in June (Andy, Cheryl, Barb, Nancy).
- Section 16 Cleanup – Cheryl Pixley
 - June 6, 9-11AM; Cheryl will contact BF News and ask TOSC to advertise (contact Susan Davies); we have approval from EPC Parks to trim trees up to make trails safe for equestrians; supplies ok.
ACTION (Dave): post on Facebook, if not already there.
ACTION (Dave): try to get Scouts to come out.
- Log School Park Work Project – Andy Meng
 - Cheryl and Andy represented BFTA, planted ~20 trees and shrubs; Andy delivered tool trailer and took it back to storage site; trailer was very popular; project was successful.
- Membership Status – Andy Meng
 - Membership renewals are way down this year; how can we turn that around?
 - Try to get an article in the BF News.
ACTION (Larry): contact Ron Richardson regarding an interview to get the word out about what BFTA does.
 - Could we get more realtors to mention us as part of their interaction with potential buyers? Cheryl has already been advocating this within the realtor community. Maybe supply realtors with BFTA brochures to hand out?

New Business

- Pineries Open Space Work Project – Larry Fariss
 - Workdays May 29 (Larry participating), June 7 (Andy and Steve participating), July 11 & 12.
 - Other work projects? Log School, BFRP, etc.; local projects posted on BFTA website calendar.
- BFTA Membership in FOBFP – Larry Fariss
 - FOBFP = “Friends of the Black Forest Preservation Plan”
 - <http://fobfpp.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/fobfpp>
 - Andy moved that the BFTA join the FOBFP as an organization member, seconded by Cheryl. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
ACTION (Larry): Follow up with Terry Stokka
- Summer Newsletter – Larry Fariss
 - Tentative list of topics with authors
 - Larry: FOBFP and BFTA’s membership
 - Andy: update on Pineries O.S., including photos from June 7 workday
 - Judi: flood damage, focus on BF; photos of Section 16; also note that erosion control & flooding mitigation in BFRP was apparently successful.
 - Cheryl: map update coming soon; an “ad” rather than an article?
 - Andy: membership article/“ad”: incentives? map + hat or visor. Andy will look into caps and visors.
 - Diane: update on Hank’s bench, if the project is done; with photo. We will thank donors by name.
 - Schedule: to be published by 1 July;

ACTION(Larry, Andy, Judi, Cheryl, Diane): newsletter articles to Andy by 17 June.

Additional Business

- BF Festival – 15 August; Larry reserved booth #18. We will coordinate support at the next BoD meeting.
- BFTA's TOSC membership – apparently lapsed.
ACTION (Andy): renew our membership, and ask TOSC to renew their membership in BFTA.
- Business members – we have a few business members; can we solicit others?
- City and County are requesting emergency funding (e.g., FEMA) for repairing flood damage to parks and trails.
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015 at BFCC at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM