

Black Forest Trails Association Board of Directors Meeting

December 1, 2015

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Carolyn Brown
Steve Eckmann

Cheryl Pixley
Diane Hoover

Barb Remy
Andy Meng

Board Members Unable to Attend

Nancy Reinhardt

The meeting was held at Andy Meng's house and commenced at 6:43 PM.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the October 14, 2015 General Membership meeting. Two corrections were noted: "Our Lady of the Pines" Action should be assigned to Cheryl, not to Barb; the last (Future) Action is assigned to Nancy. Motion by Andy to accept with those two changes, seconded by Barb; accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Andy reported on financial status; one new life membership since last meeting; wrote \$800 check to Pikes Peak Community Foundation for available benches (see "Memorial Bench Purchase" below). No separate Ent account for memorials; tracked as separate account in Quicken; no generic "memorial" donations so far; if that happens, split across the two in-process memorial fund-raisers to keep them roughly even.

Old Business

- BF News Article – Larry Fariss
 - Ron Richardson reported on BFTA as Business of the Week in the 11/19 edition, but that wasn't based on a recent interview.
 - Larry will follow up with Ron about a regular news article covering BFTA history, how to join, link to website, and possibly the BFTA membership form.
- Our Lady of the Pines (trail access) – Larry Fariss
 - Larry and Cheryl will follow up, emphasizing that maintaining trail access is good for the church and for the community.
- Bridge for Judy V Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Lots of standing water; needs a crossing, culvert, possibly other work.
 - Defer site survey until Spring 2016.
- Section 16 Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Worst problems have been addressed: washout on south part of trail has been repaired; opening in fence at School in the Woods has been widened. EPC Parks is waiting for FEMA money to fix trails. Is the money that EPC got via election last year being used for trail maintenance? Can we get EPC Parks – Elaine or Jason – to provide an update at our next meeting?
 - **ACTION (Larry):** ask somebody from EPC Parks to provide summary at next BFTA BoD meeting.
 - **ACTION (Andy):** follow up with the local resident (not a BFTA member) who alerted us about lack of east-side access for horses. BFTA got the issue resolved.

- Thompson Trail Proposal – Larry Fariss
 - Shoup & Herring (Brentwood area?)
 - Larry has tried to contact Nigel, but no progress yet. Larry will continue to work the action.

New Business

- Memorial Bench Purchase – Larry Fariss
 - On October 30, 2015, Jeremy Symes of EPC Parks alerted Larry to the availability of two benches that need repairs, at a total cost to BFTA of \$800. The BFTA BoD quickly voted via email (motion by Andy, seconded by Diane) to “approve \$800 for purchase of two repaired benches from the county”. Approved with six ‘yea’ and zero ‘no’ votes.
 - Andy noted that he received biographical information from Cheryl on Iris “Ike” Mosgrove and Juel Kjeldsen, and has posted it on the BFTA website.
 - Nancy is working the fund-raising action for Ike first. She talked at the Cavalier riding club’s general membership meeting, wrote an article for their newsletter, and also emailed the regional and national NATRC organizations. Nancy reported that NATRC Regional is considering donating \$200, and NATRC National is looking at whether they can donate.
- R&R BFTA Corner – Larry Fariss
 - Ryan is providing space for BFTA awards in the R&R Café. Larry has already displayed what he had; he will add the award that we received from the BF Foundation (POC Nancy Bracken) at this year’s BF Festival, and a 2012 award from EPC Parks that Andy had.
- McDermott Trail Cleanup – Larry Fariss
 - Larry drove his riding mower over the trail multiple times to clean it up; this trail provides access from Forest Heights to Pinery Circle.
- “Fariss Trail” Proposal – Larry Fariss
 - Larry is going to make a trail along the west side of his old property, from Danford to Juniper; the County has a trail from Cypress up (Woodcrest area); Meadowglen goes through, then to Forest Heights? There is a north-south pipeline right-of-way through this area, but a continuous trail in that right-of-way would need permission from all the property owners.
 - Expect it to be done by end of Summer 2016.
 - Larry will advertise for BFTA member help to finish this trail.
- Mosgrove Memorial – Larry Fariss
 - The proposed site is near the SW corner of BF Section 16; just north of the corner, where there is a connecting trail from a gate in the perimeter fence.
 - Barb moved that we have a memorial bench for Ike Mosgrove installed at this site; seconded by Diane; approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Winter Newsletter– Larry Fariss
 - President’s corner: status of EPC Parks funding, use of money voted by public (1a); ask Judi Tobias for help? – **Larry**
 - Future memorial benches for Ike and Juel – **Andy** from material already provided by Cheryl
 - Community trails – **Carolyn**
 - Renewal/Join form – **Andy**
 - Spring BF Section 16 & Milam Rd cleanup (April with backup date in May) – **Cheryl**
 - Business sponsor ads/links – **Diane** continues to look for new business members; **Andy** will ensure business members are in newsletter
 - Get it out in January

Additional Business

- Vault toilet at Slash site? Ruth Ann Steele is pursuing; Carolyn will follow up with Ruth Ann; BFTA might donate for this.
- Juel Kjeldsen memorial
 - Juel liked BFRP, so we should look for a good site there for his memorial bench; Cheryl will go with Juel's wife and daughter on a site survey.
- BFTA domain name and associated information
 - BFTA should own its own domain name, instead of Cheryl handling that responsibility personally.
 - Andy wants to also change provider to GoDaddy, but we should wait until next year to do that, when the current subscription ends.
 - Cheryl will update contact info, coordinating with Andy.
- Our Facebook account is currently unmanaged; Dave Jones was doing it.
 - Diane will take over Facebook updates, coordinating with Andy for help as needed.
- Next meeting January 7, 2016 at Larry's house (tentative).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM