

Black Forest Trails Association Board of Directors Meeting

January 6, 2016

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 the BF Community Center and commenced at 6:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the December 1, 2015 meeting. Two corrections were noted: (1) strike the note about a \$50 donation to Ike's memorial from the Cavaliers (it was a personal donation); (2) note that the person who reported the lack of equestrian access to BF Section 16 at School in the Woods is not a BFTA member.
Motion by Andy to accept with those two corrections, seconded by Diane, accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Andy reported on financial status. Finances are stable; we gained two new members since the December meeting; Andy discovered a discrepancy in an Ent account: a \$150 deposit for a lifetime membership was not credited to our account, so Andy is checking with the member and will follow up with Ent to get it resolved.

Old Business

- BF News Article – Larry Fariss
 - Larry talked with Ron, who will do a BFTA article in February.
- Our Lady of the Pines (trail access) – Larry Fariss
 - Not rushing because weather & other conditions are not conducive to an outdoor discussion. We mainly are advocating for an alternate route around the new parking, not asking them to alter their parking lot plans.
- Bridge for Judy V Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Site survey deferred due to weather; want to plan based on standing water, not standing snow.
- Thompson Trail Proposal – Larry Fariss
 - No progress since last meeting.
- Memorial Bench Purchase – Larry Fariss
 - EPC Parks is waiting for parts; no urgency; we can wait until Spring.
- Fariss Trail Proposal – Larry Fariss
 - This also is deferred until better weather.
 - Related discussion of trail easements. If there is a cost associated with registering easements, should BFTA help, since we're advocating for those easements? Registered easements can reduce property tax (lower assessed value). This is a candidate topic for the next newsletter; somebody will need to research the topic.
- Mosgrove Memorial – Nancy Reinhardt
 - No progress; topic deferred to next meeting.

- 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** and **Larry** (new trails on private property)
 - Renewal/join form, plus call for membership – **Andy**
 - Spring cleanup (April 16 with backup of May 7) – **Cheryl**
 - Business sponsor ads & links – **Andy** and **Diane**
 - Trail construction in Pineries OS – **Larry** to ask **Judi Tobias** for help (Elaine Kleckner reported to Andy that trail construction should start this year)
 - Should we ask Judy V to contribute a guest article? Defer the idea of guest columns until the next newsletter.
 - Schedule: 1 Feb distro; **deadline for submissions to Andy: 25 Jan**
- Action items from last meeting
 - Invite EPC Parks to come to a BFTA BoD meeting to explain and discuss status of funding for trails: Larry tried for this meeting and will try again for the next meeting.
 - Andy followed up with resident regarding our successful coordination with EPC Parks to enable equine access to BF Section 16 at School in the Woods.
 - Diane and Andy will coordinate Diane's adoption of the BFTA Facebook account.

New Business

- Falcon Park – Larry Fariss
 - EPC has starting roughing out the park.

Additional Business

- Next meeting March 3, 2016 at BFCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM