

MINUTES
Black Forest Trails Association
Board Meeting
6:30 PM 10 May 2016
Fariss Home

- Minutes – ACCEPTED as written
- Treasurer Report – Andy Meng – To date we have received donations totaling approximately \$1400 for the 3 memorial benches. Cheryl will contact TOSC about participating in our fundraising efforts.
- Membership – Andy Meng – We currently have 44 regular, lifetime & business members for 2016-17

Old Business:

- Lady Of The Pines- Larry and Cheryl will arrange a meeting with the church about the trail on their property
- Bridge for Judy V Trail – Larry and Andy will do a field trip to assess the situation at the proposed location
- Thompson Trail Proposal – Nigel Thompson is deeding to BFTA an easement on his property for perpetual use of the existing trail. Larry will talk to him about an additional trail easement over the driveway access from Shoup Road.
- Mosgrove Memorial – Ike's Bench is scheduled for installation on June 11. Nancy will propose some ideas for the engraving on the plaque.
- Cleanup Day at Section 16 – 5 BFTA members and several people from a hiking club picked up a total of 12 bags of litter from the Partnership Trail and both sides of our adopted miles of Herring Rd and Shoup Rd.
- Falcon Herald News – Larry was interviewed in March for a news article about BFTA. Cheryl will try to obtain a copy.
- Fariss Trail Work Day—The building of a BFTA trail is scheduled for June 4 at Larry's land on Danford.
- Black Forest Interagency Forum—Larry is attending another meeting of this group on May 11.
- Black Forest Non-Profit Symposium—Approximately 45 people attended. Larry thanked Andy for preparing an excellent (Power Point?) presentation. Plans are to hold another Symposium next year.

New Business:

- BFRP Work Day Report—Larry was crew leader for this RMFI-organized project to install 12 check dams for the purpose of reducing erosion. Workers were volunteers from FedEx.
- Pineries Work Day Report—Larry was a crew leader for this RMFI-organized work performed about 1 mile in from the trailhead through the woods. A trail corridor has been cut going north from the Vollmer trailhead and the county has installed a vault toilet. A huge amount of work is still in store before the trail will be complete.
- Summer Newsletter—June 20 is the deadline for submission of articles. Newsletter publication date will be July 1. Article assignments: Larry – President's Corner –Interagency Forum & Symposium. Andy – Black Forest Festival booth. Andy—Homestead Park. Diane – Why our members are so important to us. Nancy – Replacement of damaged and/or missing BFTA signs on private property. Larry – Fariss Trail update. Nancy—Mosgrove Bench and the other bench in Section 16. Carolyn – BF Non-Profit Symposium. Cheryl – Section 16 Cleanup Day.

- Black Forest Festival—This year we have reserved a corner booth in a prime location by the road.

Additional Business:

- Guest presenters: Tim Hunker and Erin Savel, representing Meridian Ranch and the YMCA “Togetherhood” Program for Social Responsibility, presented a concept plan for installation of mile markers on the Black Forest Section 16 Partnership Trail. The Board voted to support the project and recommended having the markers located well off the trail and on tall enough posts to avoid being an undue hazard to horses. The YMCA will market the project and Tim & Erin will recruit the workers. Larry will help Tim and Erin get in touch with Jeremy Symes for further review.
- Hank’s Bench Landscaping: Blue Spruce shrubs are being planted on Sunday, May 15 at the memorial site.
- Upcoming Friends Group meetings: Fox Run Park – May 11 – Steve is attending to represent BFTA; Homestead Ranch Park– May 26 – 5:00-7:00 pm at Jack’s Brewery in Falcon – Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Updated trail maps are needed for our brochure boxes at Fox Run, BFRP and Homestead Ranch due to changes in these parks. Larry will find out if county Parks can supply current versions in an electronic format.
- Next Board Meeting: July 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the BF Community Club. Cheryl will conduct the meeting as Larry will be out of town. We will be planning for the Black Forest Festival.