

Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors meeting

10 November, 2016

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Diane Hoover
Steve Eckmann

Carolyn Brown
Nancy Reinhardt

Cheryl Pixley
Andy Meng

Board Members Unable to Attend

Barb Remy

The meeting was held at the BF Community Center and commenced at 6:35PM.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the 29 September, 2016 meeting. Motion by Carolyn to accept with no changes, seconded by Andy, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- All good; overall balance is up, mainly because of new member signups at the BF Festival.

Old Business

- Our Lady of the Pines trail – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Bridge on the Judy V trail – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Thompson Trail continuation proposal – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Juel's Bench dedication – Cheryl Pixley
 - 15 October; great turnout; very nice ceremony.
 - Hazard trees need to be taken down.
 - **ACTION: Larry will contact EPC Parks to get the work done or approval to do it himself.**
- Fall BF Section 16 cleanup day – Cheryl Pixley
 - 6 volunteers: 1 mile of Burgess, 1 mile of Herring, 1 mile of Shoup; 8 bags of trash
- New website platform – Andy Meng
 - Transition in process; current web hosting account expires mid-December.

New Business

- TOSC Annual Meeting – Larry Fariss
 - Date: 27 October
 - Larry talked with Elaine about Pineries O.S., and represented BFTA.
 - **ACTION: Larry will check with TOSC about BFTA membership renewal.**
- RMFI Annual Meeting – Larry Fariss
 - Date: 17 November (next week) at Garden of the Gods Visitor Center, 5:30-8:00pm
 - **ACTION: Larry to check with Elaine about him leading a tour of Pineries O.S. for BFTA members.**
- RMFI 2016 Final Report – Larry Fariss
 - Extensive documentation of Pineries O.S. work this year; RMFI planning to focus more on BFRP next year.
 - Consider using RMFI material in our Winter newsletter.

- **ACTION: Larry to check with Andy Ritter about posting on BFTA website and excerpting/summarizing for our newsletter.**
- Wells Trail Rebuild – Larry Fariss
 - From end of Meadow Glen to Forest Heights; about 200 yards.
 - Larry met with Ryan Tryca and his father about restoring this trail as an Eagle Scout project; new owners are enthusiastic about reopening the trail; the idea is for a log-lined path (like the Fariss Trail but without chips in the trail bed), logs from Wells property; Larry confirmed with Wells that property was sold; some trail rerouting will be needed to keep it on one property; Wells agreed that we can take logs from “log deck” for this project; Ryan, Larry, and Scout Master are meeting Sunday to get project approved and planned; Ryan wants to get it done this year, but Spring 2017 is more likely. Project: reestablish trail bed, move logs to line trail, post signs. Call it the “Wells Trail”.
- BF Section 16 Trail/Toilet Repairs – Larry Fariss
 - Toilet still has holes but it is open. No work done.
 - **ACTION: Larry will contact Dana regarding installing a surveillance camera and sign.**
- BFRP Trail Repairs/Relocations
 - From Jason: EPC Parks has about \$300k for trail repairs; about \$100k will go to normal repairs, the rest to relocating trails out of drainage bottoms up the slopes. Probably in the Spring, probably with extensive RMFI help.
- Winter Newsletter – Larry Fariss
 - President’s Corner – **Larry** wants to thank current board members and encourage members to consider becoming board members. Wants bios: position, how long on board, how long in area, what we do in real life.
 - RMFI article; annual report exec summary, assuming Larry gets permission from Andy Ritter – **Andy**
 - **Larry** will ask Judy V if she will contribute an article.
 - Juel’s bench dedication – **Cheryl**
 - Private property trails – **Larry**
 - Pineries hike announcement (if we get permission) – **Larry**
 - Business ads – **Diane**
 - deadlines: **1 December submit articles**; 15 December publish

Additional Business

- Should we propose a BF Section 16 dog park west of the Burgess parking lot? Pros and Cons:
 - The main Pro is that a dog park probably would reduce the number of unleashed dogs on the main trail.
 - Three Cons were identified in initial brainstorming: (1) a dog park would probably make the parking situation worse than it already is; (2) dogs charging the fence separating the dog park from the trail would have much the same intimidating effect as dogs loose on the trail; (3) dog parks tend to be ugly, and this one would be right next to the main trail.

We need to give this more collective thought before proposing it to the county. Table the topic until later.
- Should we provide free membership for property owners who offer public access to private trails? Should we provide signs for private trails, naming the trails for the property owners? Carolyn so moved. Diane seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - To make this happen, we need to identify the private trails. Example: BFTA helped fund EPC acquisition of a “pipeline trail” north of Cypress, about a mile long (call this one the “Pipeline Trail” because it crosses several properties); others include the Chipmunk trail (also crosses many properties; McDermott Trail; Fariss Trail, etc.;

- BF Community Club bought the property adjacent to the BF Community Center on the north; looking for ideas about what to do with it. A perimeter trail? Carolyn mentioned another idea: boy scout camp. A committee will be collecting and evaluating ideas starting in January.
- Nancy – BFTA logo on hats is hard to decipher. We need to look at redesigning the logo again for better legibility, probably in the Spring to prepare for the 2017 BF Festival. Diane suggested that we also consider changing the T-shirt color scheme, maybe just swapping the foreground and background colors.
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 11 January 2017 at 6:30pm at BF Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.