

September 8, 2021

Black Forest Trails Association Meeting

Black Forest Community Center

Meeting began at 6:32 pm

-Revised- 9/23/21-

Present: Rich Mock, Andy Meng, Cheryl Pixley, Larry Fariss, Gordon Limb, Nancy Reinhardt

Also present: John Wallace

Unable to attend: Jerry Herring

Minutes from July 20, 2021, meeting, Larry made motion and Gordon seconded to approve.

Treasurer/membership – Andy \$29,392.62 We have 15 new members and now have almost 100.

Inquiry from a Mr. Wooten asking about what was going on east of Raygor and south of Arroya. Since there are no trails (or proposed trails) there it was discussed and decided to respond in that way.

Old business

Arroya property land transfer - The issue is still not resolved. The land transfer from the Arroya Investments to Friends of Black Forest Preservation Plan (FOBFP) is 4 acres. The parcel from which the 4 acres was subdivided was 11 acres. The illegal subdivision which is standing in the way of the transfer of the property is one of two issues. The second issue is that the county wants to see the title transferred with a warranty deed. The cost of title insurance for a transfer of title from FOBFP to the BFTA with a warranty deed is likely to be several hundred dollars. The amount we have been told to pay up front, to meet with county planners to discuss resolving the illegal subdivision is \$427. Tim Wolken has retired and has been replaced by Todd Marts. Rich and Cheryl will send him an email asking for help to resolve the issues. Larry will mark and Gordon will mow a trail with his tractor.

Pineries Shelter – no update

Redtail Ranch – there will be two workdays coming up in October. Discussion followed regarding culvert, rock wall, erosion and whether the trail should be just mowed or bladed.

Trail Mapping Initiative – Discussion followed as to who will do which areas. OnX app was discussed, and Rich will respond to their website inquiry.

Section 16 Trails – Trails, being widened more and more, are the issue. Larry said the same thing is happening in Fox Run. Gordon will prepare an email for Rich to send on to Todd Marts about trail definition.

New Business

Black Forest Festival – The new location was good and free. For next year, perhaps some set up planning ahead of time. Someone stole the case of water. Next year have a cooler with ice water. We sold some hats and t shirts.

Members Meeting at Black Forest Brewing – the number of people who showed up was disappointing so perhaps we need better social media coverage. Larry wondered if Covid was the issue. Rich wondered if the brewery was a good location. Question was asked if it had been advertised in the Falcon News. Discussion followed about a new position for public affairs/social media person. Rich will send out an all-member email welcoming new members and soliciting social media expertise. John suggested this person be a board member as experience with his wife's endeavors have resulted in a new person making changes not approved of and being published. Andy volunteered but then would vacate the treasurer/membership position. Rich pointed out the Standing Rules already have a website committee which would include this position. He also mentioned a change to the Standing Rules to include an increase in spending.

New At-Large Member – John Wallace, who has lots of expertise in soil science, has agreed to come aboard. Larry made a motion and Andy seconded to accept him. He will have a two-year term. Welcome John! He asked about the duties of Trail Ambassador. Rich explained about Adopt a Park, Friends Groups and Ambassadors. He said Aaron Rogers of TOSC is willing to train them.

BFTA now has a code to enter the BF Community Club.

Next meeting will be November 10 at the Black Forest Community Club at 630 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Reinhardt

Secretary

