

FINAL BFTA MINUTES - Sept. 14, 2022
Black Forest Community Hall 6:30-8:30 pm

Present : Mock, Pixley, Reinhardt, Sherwood, von Ahlefeldt

Absent: Fariss, Wallace, Yonce

Nine Agenda Slides (09-14-2022)- R. Mock

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Rich Mock.

The July, 2022 minutes by Nancy Rinehardt were approved.

Treasurer's Report - **Slide 2** below

Comments:

Need to allocate \$1500 for Fox Run Trail surface material.

Decision was made to allocate \$2000 for bench at Pineries Grand

Overlook. Need to decide what the Bench Plaque will say, size, cost.

ACTION: Rich will pursue

Pineries Open Space Shelter at Grand Overlook will not be built.

Nancy suggested also having some "Stump seats" at the overlook.

Old Business:

Slide 1 - Mission, Vision, Goals

- Rich Mock presented the Mission, Vision and Goals for BFTA.

Discussed:

6 meetings per year - every other month

Newsletters - January and July

Slide 3 - Social Media Metrics/Goats on Trails

- Andy Meng has said "Facebook is the Future" and recommended

Metasuites. Mock prepared Social Media Metrics slide from

Meng's Facebook records of "hits" on Website.

- Judy offered that there needs to be more person-to-person contact and neighborhood organization (as in the past).

Slide 6 Black Forest Festival August 12-13, 2022 Booth

- Rich Mock, Andy Meng and Larry Farris staffed the booth both days

days, sold shirts, hats memberships and accepted donations. There

were 15 new members. Total Proceeds = \$465.

ACTION: May need to order more shirts and hats for next year.

Slide 4 - Arroya Land Transfer

- Cheryl Pixley provided information on the Arroya Lane Land Transfer. A subdivision Exemption Application, prepared by Ross Williams, Parks Planner, has been signed by Rich Mock to resolve the illegal subdivision issues by the Developer and facilitate BFTA donation of the land to Parks.

Slide 5 Trail Mapping Initiative

- **Trail Mapping complete on:** Pineries, Section 16, Homestead Park. Palmer Divide and Pikes Peak Loop at Cathedral Pines and Black Forest Regional Park.
- **Trail mapping to be done:** Fox Run and Black Forest Regional Park.
- **ACTION:** Champion is needed for Trail Mapping - project stalled now.

Section 16 Definition

- Identify and cost. Parks Advisory Board to consider the State Land Board Lease Renewal Offer at their September 14 afternoon meeting.

Misc Old Business:

- Trails Cleanup - Cheryl Pixley reported that Sept. 10 was the date for second trash pickup on Milam Rd and Section 16.
- Gordon Limb visited the new subdivision trails at Winsome. They are satisfactory.

New Business

- **Trail Map Boxes** - BFTA Map Boxes are reported missing. One at Fox Run, One at Sec. 16. and at Woodlake. Parks staff removed one at Homestead Park. Two remain at BF Reg Park. Others gone before the fire.
- Should there be a QR Code on the maps?
- **ACTION** Rich will contact the County on re-establishing the boxes. Cheryl will ID source of boxes. Board will approve purchase of seven new boxes and assign a POC for each.
- Pineries Bench - County is working on this.
- **ACTION** Need to find out more about size and info for the Plaque - Rich will pursue.

- **BFTA Sign Inventory Slide 7** Need to know where the signs are now placed.
ACTION: Need to set up a POC (Point of Contact) to create a database
Nancy has two small signs.
Rich has two signs.

- **Trail Maintenance Projects Slide 8**

- Gordon Limb's tractor was damaged while mowing.
ACTION: Board approved minimum of \$250 for repairs and \$30 for mulch loading per SAMCOM service.

Other Trails Information:

- Larry Fariss will brief on McDermott Trail in November
- Black Forest Reserve Trail crossing Meridian Road was addressed by Nancy. This would connect the Palmer Divide Regional Trail segment in Black Forest Reserve to the Pineries Open Space Main Loop Trail. This trail and connections was planned with the Black Forest Reserve Plats and later modified with Developer Dale Beggs per BFTA member Karen Laden.
The Regional Trail connection from Woodlake west to Black Forest Reserve and Pineries needs to cross Meridian Road.
- Judy brought up the Vollmer Trail that was never built to connect the NE corner of Section 16 with the Pineries Open Space. This was planned before 2013 fire. Parks is planning a Tier 3 or 4 loop trail in the SW portion of Pineries Open Space. The Vollmer Trail Segment is partially located in an easement from the Developer (in 2010. San Miguel LLC currently owns the land under the easement, and there is a 90-foot ROW on the plat (also includes the Cherokee Metro District water line.) This was a Tier One Regional Trail Connection to Pineries Headquarters identified on the 2010 Pineries Open Space Master Plan. EPC Parks built crossings for Vollmer and Shoup in 2015.

At the Sept. 14 Parks Board meeting Judy asked about road crossings for both the Woodlake and Sec. 16 Regional trails. The Planners

- voiced concern about all the heavy, fast traffic on both roads. They did not appear interested in doing crossings anytime soon.
- Nancy brought up issues with trail width and safety because of bicycles on Pineries Open Space Trails.

 - Nancy addressed Aug. 14 flooding damage on Woodlake Trail.
ACTION: BFTA needs to help assess and possibly assist. This is a Regional Trail belonging to the County.

 - Use of therapeutic goats on EPC trails was briefly discussed. Possible issues with horses.

 - The entry trail going east from the Parking lot at Pineries Open Space is muddy along the old Ranch Road needs Trail base. Parks responsibility.
ACTION: BFTA needs to check condition of trail and report to Parks. Judy said she had a photo of a road grader stuck in mud from 2006 (wet year) across that meadow on the the Ranch Road.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm. The next meeting is Wed. November 9, 2022 at the Black Forest Community Hall 6:30- 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy von Ahlefeldt, Secretary
Corrections were made.

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Nine Slides prepared by R. Mock

Slide 1 Mission, Vision and Goals

Mission, Vision, Goals



Mission: Trails advocacy, specifically: *“dedicated to creating a safe, practical, non-motorized, recreational trail system connecting Black Forest neighborhoods and the El Paso County Regional Trail system”*

Vision: Connect everything, the power of the network is based on the number of connected nodes

Goals:

1. Connect Pineries to S16
2. Trail Mapping Initiative
3. Pineries Shelter/now Bench
4. S16 Definition
5. Establish and Support Friends Groups

www.blackforesttrails.org on Facebook too!

Slide 2 Treasurer's Report for Sept. 14, 2022

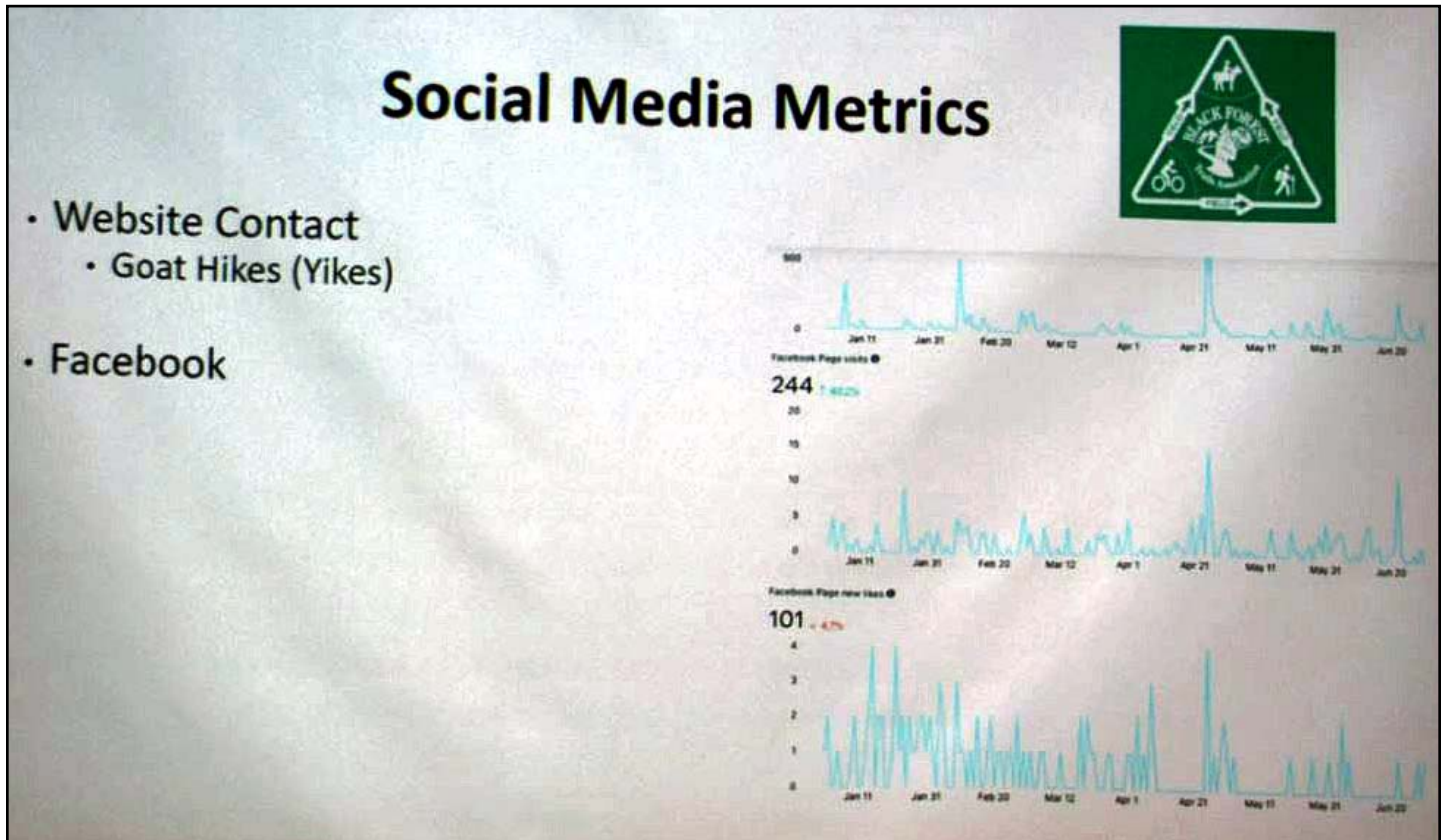
- Annual Members: 54
- Lifetime Members: 38
- Total Current Membership: 92

Deposits

	\$33,659.80
*834-510 BFTA CHECKING	Available \$14,613.94
*834-500 BFTA SAVINGS	Available \$1,309.06
*834-556 12 Month Certificate	Balance \$6,550.90
*834-557 12 Month Certificate	Balance \$1,543.11
*834-502 ARROYA LANE PROP	Available \$9,642.79




Slide 3 Facebook Metrics - from Andy Meng



Slide 4 Arroya Land Transfer - from Cheryl Pixley

Arroya Land Transfer



- The 4 acre trail corridor located northeast of Arroya Lane and Vollmer Road was acquired by BFTA after being deeded by a land developer to Friends of the Black Forest Preservation Plan. The developer had subdivided the acreage from a larger parcel without adhering to county subdivision rules. BFTA desires to donate the land to EPC Parks for the purpose of extending the Sand Creek Regional Trail corridor north of Arroya Lane. For Parks to be able to accept it, there must be resolution to the matter of the illegal subdividing done by the developer. Rich signed an Application for Subdivision Exemption Plat prepared by County Park Planner Ross Williams and it has been submitted to EPC Planning & Development Department for processing.

Slide 5 Trail Mapping Initiative

Trail Mapping Initiative



Completed:

- Pineries
- Section 16
- Homestead
- Palmer Divide
- Pikes Peak Loop / Cathedral Pines

Still Need:

- Fox Run
- BFRP
 - Gary Sherwood to assist in 08/22 or 09/22

Slide 6 Black Forest Festival Aug 12-13 Staffing- Sales

Black Forest Festival Aug 12-13 2022



- Volunteers welcome
- Free Legacy Booth (same location)
- Fri Aug 12 Eve Set-up + Biergarten
 - Manning: Rich, Andy, Larry
- Sat Aug 13 All Day Parade + Fest
 - Early: Rich, Larry, Andy
 - Late + Tear Down: Nancy, John, Cheryl
- Free water
- Handouts
- 2021 Total Income \$465
 - 15 new members / renewals @ \$15 each = \$225
 - 1 new lifetime membership @ \$150 = \$150
 - \$90 in merchandise sales

Slide 7 BFTA Sign Inventory

BFTA Sign Inventory



- Need to know where all our trail signs are
- And a POC to renegotiate access if necessary
- Please let us know if there's a sign in your neighborhood

Slide 8 Trail Projects

Trail Projects



Funded

Fox Run Trailbase \$1500

Pineries Bench \$2000

Unfunded

Redtail Ranch Mowing

Got halfway through today and hit a stump with my tractor. It is dead, so will have to see what the shop says. Hoping that it is something minor. I will need a decision and/or direction regarding mulch by this Friday. My trailer holds "two buckets", and I think 3 loads would be a good base once we re-establish the original trail. One dropped at the corner of Sanctuary and Vollmer, one at the corner of Ward and Sanctuary, and the last where the pavement ends at Ward. Total cost: \$30. Or we can wait until next spring when the Slash and Mulch opens again.

Also, went to Winsome Ranch this afternoon, and they have done a pretty good job on their trails. Weed blocker and topped with trail breeze. There is some washout in areas, but overall a very nice job.

S16 Definition Work

Pineries Entry Trailbase

Woodlake Trail

Slide 9 Trail Projects

Next Meeting



- Motion to close
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- Wed, Nov 9 BFCC 1830 Open to the public