

Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors meeting

8 March, 2017

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Diane Hoover
Steve Eckmann

Carolyn Brown
Nancy Reinhardt

Cheryl Pixley
Barb Remy

Board Members Unable to Attend

Andy Meng

The meeting was held at the BF Community Center and commenced at 6:30PM.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the 11 January, 2017 meeting. Motion by Barb to accept with no changes, seconded by Diane, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Finances good; we have 34 annual members and 17 lifetime members; Andy will send email reminders and post on Website.

Old Business

- Our Lady of the Pines trail – Larry Fariss
 - The parking lot has been completed, but the trail is still accessible. Close this topic.
- Judy V trail – Larry Fariss
 - **ACTION: Larry will contact Judy about re-opening the trail.**
- Thompson Trail continuation proposal – Larry Fariss
 - No action.
- BFRP and BF Section 16 Trail Repairs/Relocations – Larry Fariss
 - Status report; no action.
- Free Membership for Private Trail Landowners – Larry Fariss
 - Future action for Larry and Andy.
- Trail Name Signs – Larry Fariss
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New Business

- Botolin Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Near the end of Raygor. Dr. Botolin intends to fence the perimeter, leaving an “easement” for trail users. Nancy suggests having Larry contact “Suzie”, who knows the area, to get more information about who mows the “trails”. Barb moved we sponsor the Botolin trail. Cheryl seconded. Approved unanimously.
ACTION: Larry will follow up with Dr. Botolin.
- TOPS BioBlitzes – Larry Fariss
 - We will skip this round because none of the activities are in BFTA's area of interest, but Larry will ask TOPS to keep us informed of future activities.
- RMFI Trail Leader Recertification – Larry Fariss
 - Larry will get recertified as a Crew Leader, maintaining a link between RMFI and BFTA.
- TOSC Friends Survey – Larry Fariss
 - TOSC has an EPC grant to survey Friends groups. We are the BF Section 16 Friends group.
ACTION: Larry will complete the survey for our group.

- Wyldlyfe Hikes/Rides – Larry Fariss
 - Sponsors monthly activities, sometimes coordinating with YMCA or local churches. Should we advertise their activities? Yes, for activities in our area of interest. Larry will coordinate.
- BF Festival – Larry Fariss
 - Booth reservations are open already. Festival will be 12 August. We will discuss at May meeting.
ACTION: Larry will reserve a booth for BFTA.

Additional Business

- BF Section 16 – off-leash dogs; poop bags are being left along the trail.
 - Andy’s suggestion is to work with EPC Parks to at least put up signs reminding trail users they are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs; there is nobody else to do it.
ACTION: Cheryl will contact somebody at EPC Parks to discuss signage and other ideas.
- Spring BF Section 16 cleanup
 - April 8, backup date May 6; 9:00AM – 11:00AM
ACTION: Andy will post/email dates.
- Nathan Robinson replaced Jeremy Symes as EPC North District Maintenance Manager. Larry will contact.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 10, 2017 at 6:30pm at BF Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.