

## Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors meeting

12 July, 2017

### Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss  
Barb Remy

Carolyn Brown  
Andy Meng

Cheryl Pixley  
Steve Eckmann

### Board Members Unable to Attend

Diane Hoover

Nancy Reinhardt

The meeting was held at the BF Community Center and commenced at 6:40 PM.

### Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the 10 May, 2017 meeting. Motion by Carolyn to accept with no changes, seconded by Barb, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Treasurer's Report

- We are in good financial condition
- Membership count: 69 (this is up from 48 reported at the previous BoD meeting)

### Old Business

- Botolin Trail – Larry Fariss
  - Larry met with Dr. Botolin again. The easement is mowed, ready for trail signs. Larry will follow up with signage.
- BFRP Trail Repairs/Relocations – Larry Fariss
  - See “BFRP Public Meeting” under New Business below.
- Free Membership for Private Trail Landowners – Larry Fariss
  - Actions from last meeting remain open:  
**ACTION: Larry to send trail owner list to Andy.**  
**ACTION: Andy will create a new membership category “Landowner” or “Trail Owner” to track these free memberships.**
- Trail Name Signs – Larry Fariss
  - Actions from last meeting remain open:  
**ACTION: Larry to send list of trail names to Andy.**  
**ACTION: Andy will get the signs made.**
- New Trail on Mark Bissel Property – Larry Fariss
  - From the agreement (attached):
    - “Black Forest Trails Association (BFTA) agrees to sponsor a trail, on the southern boundary of property owned by Mark Bissell, linking the western end of Wildflower Lane west to Huntsman Road. Mr. Bissell intends to grant BFTA an easement of 25 feet along this property boundary and register this with El Paso County.”
    - “BFTA will build a gate on each end of this trail and post signs indicating the Bissell Trail is for non-motorized traffic only.”
  - **ACTION: Larry to coordinate signage and gate construction.**
  - This agreement was facilitated by Karen Marchman, who arranged the initial meeting between Mark Bissel and Larry Fariss.
- Summer Newsletter – Larry Fariss
  - Good job by all getting out another high-quality newsletter!

- Pineries Public Meeting
  - The attendance was great for a Parks meeting in BF!
- Dog waste signage at BF Section 16
  - **ACTION: Cheryl will follow up with Nathan again; this is important to the community.**

### New Business

- Stewardship Meeting – Larry Fariss
  - Larry attended a 12 July meeting organized by Colorado Outdoor Stewardship Coalition for the purpose of facilitating coordination between stewardship groups (such as RMFI, TOSC, and BFTA) and land management groups (e.g., EPC Parks), especially for the purpose of prioritizing grant proposals.
  - On the topic of stewardship, Larry noted that Tim Wolken invited him to make a brief National Trails Day presentation on behalf of trail stewardship to the EPC Commissioners, which was well received.
- BFRP Public Meeting
  - Trails Plan Update public meeting, on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Lodge at Cathedral Pines.
  - **ACTION: Andy will post the full announcement.**
- Pineries Friends Group meeting
  - 29 July at 6:00 PM, also at the Cathedral Pines Lodge.
  - **ACTION: Andy will post the full announcement.**
- BF Festival – Larry Fariss
  - 12 August, 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM
  - We will staff the booth in two shifts:
    - Larry and Steve will set up and cover 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM
    - Cheryl and Diane will cover 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
  - Tables – Larry will get them from Diane
  - Ez-Up – Steve will get it from Judi, and check that tent stakes are included
  - Newsletters – Cheryl will bring them in the morning; Andy will get more printed to get to a total of 100
  - Water – Carolyn will bring water in the morning
  - Map, banner, shirts, hats – Steve will pick them up from Andy, along with anything else he has: cash box? membership forms/flyers?
  - Bungie cords for banner and small sledge hammer for pounding tent stakes – Larry
  - Clipboards and brochures – Cheryl
  - Bricks to hold things down – Cheryl
  - We will charge \$15 for shirt (\$10 for new members), \$10 for hat
- Annual Membership Meeting
  - 28 Sept at R&R: 6:00 PM for food, meeting to follow not later than 7:00 PM.
  - **ACTION: Cheryl to invite Jason (or Nathan) to provide an update on BFRP and Pineries; BFTA will provide dinner to speaker.**
  - **ACTION: Andy to post meeting on website, Facebook, etc., and send an email.**

### Additional Business

- Andy paid for our P.O. Box renewal two months before payment was due, but the Post Office still hasn't renewed it so we are probably losing mail. Andy will continue to work with the Post Office to get this resolved.

- As noted above, the next meeting is our annual Membership meeting, scheduled for 28 September, 2017 at 6:00pm at R&R Café.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Attachment:



Bissell Trail Agreement.pdf