

Black Forest Trails Association – Annual Membership meeting

18 October, 2017

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Nancy Reinhardt

Carolyn Brown
Andy Meng

Barb Remy
Steve Eckmann

Board Members Unable to Attend

Cheryl Pixley

Diane Hoover

Other BFTA Members Attending: Sandy and Carol Adelman

The meeting was held at the R&R Coffee Cafe and commenced at 6:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting. Motion by Andy to accept with no changes, seconded by Barb, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

- We are in good financial condition.
- Membership count: 102 active members, including 16 lifetime members.

Old Business

- Botolin Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Larry and Andy will follow up with signage.
- BFRP Public Meeting – Larry Fariss
 - Trails Plan Update public meeting was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Lodge at Cathedral Pines. EPC Parks shared 3 proposals; PAB is recommending the “moderate” plan.
- Pineries Public Meeting – Larry Fariss
 - The attendance for this proto-Friends Group meeting was great for a Parks meeting in BF! The main outcome was a commitment by Dana Nordstrom to arrange a Pineries hike for the Friends group. The hike occurred September 16, led by Ross Williams. Approximately 30 people joined Ross and Dana on the 4-mile hike.
- Free Membership for Private Trail Landowners – Larry Fariss
 - **ACTION: Larry and Andy to have a side meeting to work this.**
- New Trail on Mark Bissel Property – Larry Fariss
 - Larry will rent an auger at BFTA cost to install posts; he will let the rest of us know when that is going to happen so we can help.
- BF Festival – Larry Fariss
 - Traffic at our booth not as good as last year. One lesson learned is that we need to be able to accept credit card payments for memberships, shirts, and hats.

New Business

- Falcone Interview – Larry Fariss
 - Larry's podcast interview with Bob Falcone is available for listening here:
<http://studio809radio.com/outdoors-hiking-bob-black-forest-trails-association/>
- Falcon Regional Park Grant – Larry Fariss
 - Julie Connors asked Larry to write a grant letter to support building of trail segments.
- Hicks-Rathbun Trail – Larry Fariss

- This trail will be a connector from Danford property, across Rathbun and Hicks properties, to pipeline. Looks promising; may be able to work this in Spring 2018.
- Barb moved that BFTA adopt the Hicks-Rathbun Trail; seconded by Andy; approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Colorado Outdoor Stewardship Coalition Meeting – Larry Fariss
 - Larry attended a stewardship summit, and received an Invitation for BFTA to join as a supporting member (no cost).
 - Barb moved that we join; seconded by Carolyn; approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - More information about COSC on their VOC page: <http://www.voc.org/colorado-outdoor-stewardship-coalition>
- 2018 BFTA Goals – Larry Fariss
 - Discussed priorities for 2018, starting with a review of 2017 priorities: Pineries OS, Restoration of BFRP, BF Section 16 development.
 - And new candidate priorities:
 - Renew effort to map trails, to post accurate information on website; share locations of posted trail signs in order to support this; approach landowners for access, signage, and permission to include in BFTA trail map.
 - Barb noted that something is happening on the property just south of her, which was given to Palmer Land Trust, sold to a religious organization with land use constraints, and its ownership and plans are unknown now. Consensus that this is a good agenda item but not a strategic priority.
ACTION: Barb to be prepared to discuss this as an agenda item for the next BoD meeting.
 - Encourage Friends group creation and sustainment.
 - **Consensus ranking of 2018 strategic priorities:**
 1. **Pineries OS**
 2. **Restoration of BFRP**
 3. **Renew our effort to map trails**
 4. **Encourage Friends groups**

Additional Business

- Election results
 - All officers were re-elected for one-year terms. 9 votes were cast online. Larry received 9 “yes” votes; other officer candidates received 8 “yes” votes each; there were no “no” votes and no write-ins.
 - 2018 BoD:
 - President – Larry Fariss
 - VP Administration – Cheryl Pixley
 - VP Government – Carolyn Brown
 - Treasurer – Andy Meng
 - Secretary – Steve Eckmann
 - Board Member – Barbara Remy (1 year remaining in 2-year term)
 - Board Member – Diane Hoover (1 year remaining in 2-year term)
 - Board Member – Nancy Reinhardt (1 year remaining in 2-year term)
- Andy would like to hand off Facebook update responsibility.
 - Nancy agreed to do it.
 - Carol Darling noted that we should have a consistent “brand”; especially need to include photos with posts. She will look at the BFTA website (and Facebook page) and provide

recommendations for improvements.

- Carol expressed concern about the “Water Rights” company, San Miguel Valley Corporation, that bought the Pinerias land.
 - Larry will contact Terry Stokka to discuss the concern.
- Nancy asked about the Audubon Society property at Vollmer and Hodgen; what plans does the owner have?
ACTION: Nancy will investigate and report at the next BoD meeting.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 9 November, 2017 at 6:30pm at BFCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.