

Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors meeting

14 March, 2018

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Barb Remy
Andy Meng

Carolyn Brown
Diane Hoover
Steve Eckmann

Cheryl Pixley
Nancy Reinhardt

Others Attending

Megan Miller – see “Fawnwood Ranch” under Old Business
Anthony and Michelle Roca – see “Chipmunk Trail” under Additional Business

The meeting was held at the BFCC and commenced at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting. Motion by Carolyn to accept with no changes, seconded by Diane, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report

- Andy reported that financials are in good condition. Several membership renewals since Winter Newsletter went out: 38 early renewals. 50+ current members who haven’t renewed. 22 Lifetime members.
ACTION: Larry to draft renewal email for Andy to send out to current members.

Old Business

- Free Membership for Private Trail Landowners – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Botolin Trail Signs – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Trail Name Signs – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Gates on Mark Bissel Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Falcon Regional Park Grant – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Hicks-Rathbun Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Deferred
- Winter Newsletter – Larry Fariss
 - Completed and distributed in February.
 - Did we not include business cards for some business members?
ACTION: Diane and Andy to resolve missing business member ads, if any.
- TLUMC Trail Work Day – Larry Fariss
 - Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church is planning a Work day in June; would like to work in BFRP. Negotiating with RMFI and EPC Parks. Larry will keep us posted. Nancy suggested that Section 16 needs work, but the work most needed in Section 16 might require heavy equipment. Larry will investigate.

- Judy V Trail – Larry Fariss
 - Larry talked with Judy. She isn't interested in restoring the trail at this time. Drop this off the agenda.
- Fawnwood Ranch – Cheryl Pixley and Megan Miller
 - Owned jointly since 2006 by Megan & her husband, and some of his family. Megan and her husband now own 40 acres with residence. The other 210 acres are owned in parcels by his sisters, and they are not willing to provide access for trails. No further action at this time.
- Section 16 Cleanup – Cheryl Pixley
 - 28 April 0900 – 1100
 - County has a cleanup day on 21 April; also Homestead Ranch RP
 - **ACTION: Andy to send out email about HRRP and BF Section 16 cleanup days**
- Flying Horse North – Cheryl Pixley
 - Feb 12 public meeting; use of Holmes Rd is contentious; there have been no subsequent plan changes that Cheryl is aware of.
 - The design includes trails, at least some open to the public, which is BFTA's primary interest.

New Business

- Gazette Article on Section 16 – Andy Meng
 - Larry and Andy were contacted by a Gazette Lifestyle reporter, Seth Boster; the article for which they provided information to Seth is scheduled to be published Monday, 19 March.
- Hiking Tour Corral Bluffs – Carolyn Brown
 - Carolyn organized a group tour and will provide contact information to Larry. BFTA could request a tour for our membership. No follow up at this time.
- Pikes Peak Regional Crew Leader Training – Larry Fariss
 - Training will again be available in April. BFTA BoD members should consider taking it.
- Clements Trail Dedication – Larry Fariss
 - Alex Dean, Project Manager for the Colorado the Beautiful Initiative, is exploring the possibility of naming a trail after Tom Clements, who was Colorado Prisons Chief before being murdered five years ago. Susan Davies referred Dean to BFTA. EPC Parks discourages attaching people's names to trails. There is a precedent for dedicating benches, but is there a precedent for naming a trail for a person? In any case, Dean should contact EPC Parks directly regarding EPC trails, particularly about Fox Run Park since Clements lived closest to that. Dean also should contact Colorado State Parks; maybe a trail at a state park – Cheyenne Mountain or Castlewood Canyon? – would be more appropriate, since Clements worked for the state of Colorado.
- Trail Work with RMFI – Larry Fariss
 - Andy Ritter of RMFI contacted Larry regarding opportunities for joint work projects at BFRP and/or Pineries OS. Larry will coordinate with Andy. Pineries OS is our higher priority, and we will gladly get the word out to our membership and try to bring a crew of 5-10 people to a workday.
- State Stewardship Association – Larry Fariss
 - We are registered: part-time volunteer staff, etc., with all-volunteer projects. No action needed at this time.

Additional Business

- Chipmunk Trail – Anthony and Michelle Roca
 - The Rocas, who live along the old Chipmunk Trail on Greentree Ln off Burgess Rd, are interested in facilitating reopening of the trail, which was blocked by some property owners after the 2013 BF Fire.
 - **ACTION: Cheryl will look up the plat to see if there are easements.**
 - **ACTION: Larry will set up a time for him and Andy to visit the Rocas to discuss next steps.**
- Somebody is building a bike track next to the west side of BFRP? Or possibly *in* the park?
 - Off Darr Drive; Andy will investigate when he goes to BFRP to replace a flyer box.
- BF Festival August 11
 - Andy to do an inventory of T-shirts and hats before the May meeting; do we need to buy more?
 - Andy will look into how to accept credit card payments for memberships and merchandise.
- Accumulation of trash near the FRRP Baptist Rd underpass
 - Cheryl contacted the construction company; they did a one-time clean up.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 9 May, 2018 at 6:30pm at BFCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.