

## Black Forest Trails Association – Annual Members meeting

19 September, 2018

### Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss  
Barb Remy  
Gordon Limb

Carolyn Brown  
Diane Hoover  
Steve Eckmann

Cheryl Pixley  
Nancy Reinhardt

### Board Members unable to Attend

Andy Meng

### Others Attending

Barb Newland  
Mike Ferrell  
Sarah Simon  
Monika Eckmann  
Rachel Limb

The meeting was held at R&R Cafe and commenced at 6:38 PM. Before starting the regular business agenda, Larry Fariss provided an update on El Paso County Parks North District.

#### *North District update:*

- BFRP trail upgrades continue; this is a high priority for EPC Parks North District
- No update on FRRP
- Pineries Open Space - the “final cutting” of the first Pineries O.S. trail is scheduled for Thursday, 27 September. EPC Parks is leading guided hikes this weekend and next.

### Meeting Minutes

Steve presented minutes from the July 3, 2018 meeting. Motion by Barb to accept with one correction: change “Zalinsky” to “Zelinsky”. Seconded by Diane, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Treasurer’s Report

- We have 24 new members since the July meeting, mostly BF Festival signups. Our financial position continues to be sound.

### Old Business

- Free Membership for Private Trail Landowners
  - Deferred
- Botolin Trail Signs – Larry Fariss
  - Larry talked to Botolin; action TBD
- Trail Name Signs – Larry Fariss
  - Deferred
- Gates on Mark Bissel Trail – Larry Fariss
  - Trail open; action TBD
- Chipmunk Trail – Larry Fariss
  - Not formally open, but in use.
- Hicks-Rathbun Trail – Larry Fariss
  - Plan to link Danford to Swan; no progress.

- Summer Newsletter – Larry Fariss
  - Completed and distributed.
- BF Festival – Larry Fariss
  - PayPal payment system apparently worked well; lots of new member signups and merchandise sales. New booth location (booth 401) worked well. Why doesn't the BFCC assign "permanent" booth sites to key community organizations? Carolyn will bring this up at the BFCC meeting next week.

### Ongoing Business

- Forest Heights – Linwood Lane Connector Trail – Gordon Limb
  - The best idea coming out of our last meeting was to look for a way to route a trail to the west of Judy V's property. Judy proposed access through the north. Diane, Carolyn, and Cheryl met Andrea Barlow, owner of NES, the land planning firm hired by the owner/developer of Redtail Ranch to facilitate approval of the proposed subdivision. A property walkthrough with Developer and Owner will be conducted soon. Judy and Cheryl will participate. Bryan Jack, BF Fire Rescue Chief, and Ross Williams, EPC Planner, wrote letters of support for the BFTA plan. This is an important connector; high priority for BFTA.
  - Gordon moved that BFTA supports a trail system in Redtail Ranch. BFTA will work with the Developer to design and develop trails. Cheryl seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Retreat At Timber Ridge Trail Update -- Cheryl Pixley
  - New proposal to develop 10 2.5 acre lots. No news on trails. Lawsuit probably affects development activities. BFTA submitted comment on Plan 3.  
**ACTION: Cheryl will submit a comment on the new proposal.**  
**ACTION: Larry will talk to Leif.**

### New Business

- 2018 Election Results – Steve Eckmann
  - 12 ballots were cast, with "yes" votes for all officers on the ballot. BoD for the next 12 months:
    - President - Larry Fariss
    - VP Admin - Cheryl Pixley
    - VP Government - Andy Meng
    - Treasurer - Gordon Limb
    - Secretary - Steve Eckmann
    - Members in second year of two year terms: Barb Remy, Diane Hoover, Nancy Reinhardt
- Treasury Spend Down Plan – Larry Fariss
  - What is our threshold for what we retain vs. spend? \$5000 was suggested.
  - Cheryl suggested deferring decisions about spending until we have more information about Redtail Ranch work.
  - Guest Sarah suggested that BFTA members would respect a plan that explains we are sitting on cash with a view toward supporting trail development. Many members probably support the BFTA with the expectation that their membership will help us add to the trail system.
  - **ACTION: Gordon will prepare an annual spending report for sharing at our next meeting, to help shape our discussion of this topic.**

### Additional Business

- Membership at Large Q & A
  - Sarah: no questions, just reiterated agreement with the BFTA vision & mission. Suggested a BFTA member should attend neighborhood events to get the word out.

- Nancy solicited contributions for Facebook page. Larry offered to go through his President's Corner articles for any that are still suitable for posting.
- Barb mentioned that the Dixon Trail in Cheyenne Mt. State Park is nearing completion.
- Diane asked when new maps will be available for BFRP. Larry's expectation is, probably not until 2020. Cheryl suggested that the "plan" map might be accurate enough to use until an official map is available. Somebody should walk the trails with the plan map, to check its accuracy.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 7 November at 6:30pm at BF Community Center. Bring ideas for Winter Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.