

## Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors meeting

07 November, 2018

### Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss  
Diane Hoover  
Gordon Limb

Cheryl Pixley  
Nancy Reinhardt  
Steve Eckmann

Barb Remy  
Andy Meng

### Others Attending

Judy von Ahlefeldt  
Joe DesJardin  
Charlie Williams

The meeting was held at the BF Community Center and commenced at 6:25 PM. Before starting the regular business agenda, we had a presentation by guest speakers Joe DesJardin and Charlie Williams, representing the McCune Ranch development, on a proposed trail plan for their development.

### *Notes on McCune Ranch trail proposal:*

- McCune Ranch is at the NW corner of Meridian and Hodgen Roads and has almost 800 acres.
- NES is the land planner; plan is based on 5-acre zoning.
- Developer is proposing to set aside Kiowa Creek bottom for trail; about 150 acres for open space.
- The preliminary plan includes a 7-acre commercial lot at the Hodgen-Meridian intersection. There will be a neighborhood meeting at 6 PM on Dec 4 at the Latigo meeting room to discuss potential uses for this lot.
- McCune Ranch will have a Metro District instead of an HOA.
- Access parking for trail is TBD: possibly 5+ spots east of lot 63, or adjacent to the commercial lot.
- A multi-use, non-motorized trail is planned; no parking for horse trailers is planned.
- In addition to the creek bottom trail, the loop road is proposed to have an 8-foot gravel shoulder on one side to make a loop trail. Total distance not known, but probably 2+ miles.
- Judy V suggested building the creek bottom trail farther up the sides of the channel, away from the creek bottom. She also suggested a perimeter trail, a connector trail to the property to the south across Hodgen, and a bridge on Hodgen to provide safer transit for elk and other wildlife.
- Timing: preliminary plan submitted recently; maybe mid-2020 to get Phase 1 infrastructure started. Anticipating 4 phases. Trail construction would be part of each phase. 5-8 years or even longer to get project completed, depending on lot sales.

### Meeting Minutes

Steve presented minutes from the September 19, 2018 meeting. Motion by Andy to accept with one correction noted by Cheryl (“Timberedge” should be “Timber Ridge”). Seconded by Diane and approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Treasurer’s Report

- Gordon reported that our operating expenses have been between \$1000/year and \$1500/year recently, and suggested that we should plan for normal expenses of about \$4000 over the next 3 years. See New Business below for decisions about what to keep in reserve, and what is available for spending.

## Old Business

- Free Membership for Private Trail Landowners
  - deferred
- Botolin Trail Signs – Larry Fariss
  - deferred
- Trail Name Signs – Larry Fariss
  - deferred
- Gates on Mark Bissel Trail – Larry Fariss
  - deferred
- Chipmunk Trail – Larry Fariss
  - deferred
- ~~Hicks-Rathbun~~ Hicks-Bishop Trail – Larry Fariss
  - deferred; Larry proposes that the trail's name should be "Hicks-Bishop Trail" because of ownership changes.

## Ongoing Business

- Red Tail Ranch update – Cheryl Pixley
  - NES is still addressing comments. Plans will be resubmitted with comments addressed.
  - Cheryl reported that the owner has decided he *will* do trails. Since this is a high priority for the BFTA, this is great news.

## New Business

- Pineries Tour Walk Thru – Larry Fariss
  - Larry, Cheryl, and Nancy participated for BFTA. The single-track trail that generally heads south from the developed area off Vollmer is finished, and might open as early as summer 2019. It would be an out-and-back trail, since it doesn't connect to anything on the south yet. None of the other planned trail segments have been built.
- New TOSC Program Coordinator – Larry Fariss
  - Aaron Rodgers is the new TOSC Program Coordinator. Facilitating Friends groups is a high priority for him.
- McCune Ranch Proposal – Larry Fariss
  - After some discussion, Barb moved that BFTA support a McCune Ranch trail system with signage, and advocate for its development. Seconded by Andy. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
  - Cheryl noted that tomorrow (November 8, 2018) is the deadline for comments on the preliminary plan. **Gordon will draft a comment letter, send it to Andy for letterhead, and Andy will forward the letter to Cheryl for posting.**
- Board Member Appointment – Larry Fariss
  - Rich Mock will be invited to our January meeting as a potential new appointed board member.
- Winter News Letter – Larry Fariss
  - President's Corner (**Larry**) – developer plans for trails; McCune Ranch and Redtail Ranch
  - EPC major trail projects (**Larry**) – focus on Dixon Trail & Ring the Peak Trail
  - Pineries update (**Nancy** photos to **Andy**; Andy to write article)
  - BF Section 16 trash pickup day announcement (**Cheryl**)
    - primary date April 6; backup April 27.
  - Sponsors (**Larry**) – highlight R&R; potential sponsors: Brewery (Donovan); Descar's
  - **Articles due end of December** for mid-January publish/distro

### **Additional Business**

- Annual spend plan and reserve
  - Barb moved that we retain \$5000 as reserve, and make funds above that reserve level available for projects. Seconded by Gordon. Approved by unanimous voice vote. Barb suggested spending money on gates for the Mark Bissel trail. Candidate projects will be revisited at the next BoD meeting.
- BF Log School & Park Display Case
  - Diane reported that we were given space to display our Trail map and other information, plus our hat and t-shirt, for one month. Suzanne Stauber, point person for the display case that features different organizations in Black Forest, is part of the Black Forest Foundation that maintains the BF Log School and Park. Suzanne hopes we will participate again next year.
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10 January at 6:30pm at BF Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.