

Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors Meeting

09 January 2019

Board Members Attending

Larry Fariss
Diane Hoover
Gordon Limb

Cheryl Pixley
Nancy Reinhardt
Steve Eckmann

Barb Remy
Andy Meng

Others Attending

Aaron Rogers – Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC) Program and Event Coordinator
Rich Mock – candidate BFTA Board member

The meeting was held at the BF Community Center and commenced at 6:30 PM. Before starting the regular business agenda, we had a presentation by guest speaker Aaron Rogers of TOSC.

Notes on TOSC presentation:

- Aaron organizes TOSC events, especially fundraisers such as the Garden of the Gods “Full Moon Hike”, which had 3400+ participants in the most recent instance.
- Advocacy for Friends groups is another of Aaron’s key interests. For example, he can get our events posted on the TOSC website and in the TOSC newsletter.
- TOSC will champion one project for each Friends group.
- Aaron is aaron@trailsandopenspaces.org – send information to him about items we would like to get included in TOSC’s Wednesday newsletter or Volunteer calendar. Our April Cleanup day, for example.

Meeting Minutes

- Steve presented minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting. Motion by Andy to accept with no changes. Seconded by Nancy and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report

- Gordon reported that our finances are stable, and that we have 26 lifetime members and 34 renewed annual members for 2019. So about 60 members have not renewed from last year. Andy will email a renewal reminder to those non-active members. Gordon also reported confusing language on the membership page; Andy will fix the language.

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-Bishop Trail – Larry Fariss
 - deferred

Ongoing Business

- Redtail Ranch update – Cheryl Pixley
 - NES Inc. submitted revised [Preliminary Plan](#) and revised [Final Plat](#).
 - The Plan and Plat do not include trail access to/from Linwood.
 - The Plan states that BFTA will be responsible for trail maintenance and signage. Our expectation is that no actual trail building will be needed; no grading and no installation of road base material, for example. We expect to mow the trail corridor initially and as needed, in addition to installing signs.
 - Our next step is to try to get deeds for the trail corridor from the two landowners (Didleau and Judy V) who agreed to it.
- McCune Ranch Proposal – Larry Fariss
 - NES has submitted more filings (search “McCune Ranch” at EPC’s site <https://epcdevplanreview.com/Public/>)
 - The trail plan hasn’t changed since we last saw it.
 - Terry Stokka noted in his 19 December FOBFPF email that the development is now called “Winsome Ranch”.
- Winter News Letter – Larry Fariss
 - **ACTION: All submit articles to Andy by 20 Jan for publication 1 Feb.**
 - **ACTION: Andy will send renewal email immediately.**
 - Cheryl will include membership renewal form in newsletter mailing for lapsed members.

New Business

- Pineries Youth Corps Grant – Larry Fariss
 - GOCO provided a grant to the Mile High Youth Corps for Pineries Open Space trail work, which “will focus on creating an improved trail corridor, healthier ground cover and reduced soil erosion”.
- Board Member Appointment – Larry Fariss
 - Rich Mock is a BoD candidate.
 - The current board unanimously voted to appoint Rich to a Member at Large position on the BFTA Board of Directors.

Additional Business

- Park Advisory Board opening
 - The deadline for applicants is 11 January (two days after the BFTA BoD meeting)
ACTION: Andy will post on our website
ACTION: Nancy will post on Facebook
- BFTA TOSC organizational membership
 - **ACTION: Gordon will take care of getting us current.**
- The Ranch – Cheryl
 - At south end of Raygor; 2100 homes on 600 acres in an area zoned RR5! In concept phase.
- Garden of the Gods horse access – Cheryl
 - Cheryl noted a Gazette letter to the editor advocating prohibiting horses in Garden of the Gods.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 13 March at 6:30pm at BF Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.