

## **Black Forest Trails Association – Board of Directors Meeting**

8 July 2020

### **Board Members Attending**

Larry Fariss	Cheryl Pixley	Andy Meng	Diane Hoover
Nancy Reinhardt	Gordon Limb	Rich Mock	Jerry Herring
Steve Eckmann			

### **Board Members Unable to Attend**

Barb Remy

### **Guests**

Judy von Ahlefeldt

The meeting was held at the Black Forest Community Center (BFCC), and commenced at 6:30 PM.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- Steve presented minutes from the 20 May, 2020 meeting. Motion by Rich to accept without changes. Seconded by Gordon and approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Gordon reported 105 total members, of which 30 are lifetime members.
- Gordon cannot access Ent account except via phone app, which doesn't support reviewing detailed statements. He and Andy will work to get that fixed.
- Quickbooks is back in sync.

### **Judy von Ahlefeldt's presentation on trail issues in and near the Pineries Open Space (Pineries OS)**

- The BF Preservation Plan (BFPP) was published in 1974, updated in 1987, and had a "Trails Addendum", but the BFPP is no longer recognized by El Paso County (EPC) as a guidance document and there is no replacement.
- Judy believes the Pineries OS needs: a Friends Group; the planned Tier 1 connection from the trailhead parking lot along Shoup Road to Section 16; more parking, especially for horse trailers; storm shelters; a connection to the planned trail through Redtail Ranch; CDOT signage at Pineries OS entrance; lower speed limit (40 mph) between Burgess and Swan due to trail crossings. These are all goals for which the BFTA could take an active advocacy role. Judy suggested that the highest priority on this list is to acquire an easement along Vollmer between Pineries OS and BF Section 16, where a trail could be built relatively easily.
- A connector trail through or around Redtail Ranch is critical for connecting areas north and west to Pineries OS and Section 16. But people are posting "No Trespassing" signs on private roads west of Redtail Ranch that have been "open" as trail connectors for decades. Judy is investigating the legality of this. Private roads generally have the same "use privileges" as public roads, but that isn't guaranteed. Similarly, property owners along Linnwood Lane (another private road) are scaring walkers off by saying they are trespassing. Judy is investigating whether that is true.
- See attachment: Judy's sketch of the area encompassed by her presentation.

### **Old Business**

- Red Tail Ranch – Larry Fariss
  - Trail site survey was done.
- Didlau / von Ahlefeldt Trail – Larry Fariss
  - Stump grinding will be scheduled soon. Phillis Didlau needs to know when the grinding will be done, since access is across her property. BFTA will fund the trail construction.

- BF Section 16 Equestrian Parking – Nancy Reinhardt
  - This topic was first added to the agenda after a BFTA member, Lee Blackwood, raised the issue of insufficient parking for horse trailers at the trailhead, because the designated part of the lot is typically filled with cars on weekends. Gordon contacted Lee Blackwood re parking a horse trailer on his (Gordon's) property, but in the meantime Lee has stopped using BF Section 16 because it is so crowded. The topic is therefore close. Our hope is that opening of Pineries OS should spread the traffic out.
- Retreat at TimberRidge – Cheryl Pixley
  - Cheryl is tracking; no new planning documents.

### Ongoing Business

- BF Section 16 Cleanup – Nancy Reinhardt
  - July 11; meet at 8:15am at trailhead parking lot.
- Fox Run Regional Park (FRRP) Friends Group – Larry Fariss
  - Roughly doubled membership: 7 to 15; Marlene is organizing activities and working with EPC.
- Pineries Open Space – Larry Fariss
  - Bob Falcone's June 26 CS Indy article will be included in our summer newsletter.
  - Pineries OS is a great new asset for BF and the surrounding area, and it should be very popular, especially with mountain bikers and horseback riders; probably not as much with hikers until the shorter (4-mile) loop is added.
  - Brainstorming ideas to consider (see also Judy's suggestions above): add signs for dog poop and trail etiquette; make the single-track trail a one-way loop; add more access points; ensure access for first responders; separate routes for separate user classes (bikes, horses, hikers); linkage to Section 16 (very high priority for BFTA).
- BF Backyard Market – Rich Mock
  - see attachment: *Elba Barr email to Rich Mock 2020-07-07*
- Summer Newsletter – Larry Fariss
  - **ACTION: All articles to Andy not later than July 20; Andy will publish by July 24.**

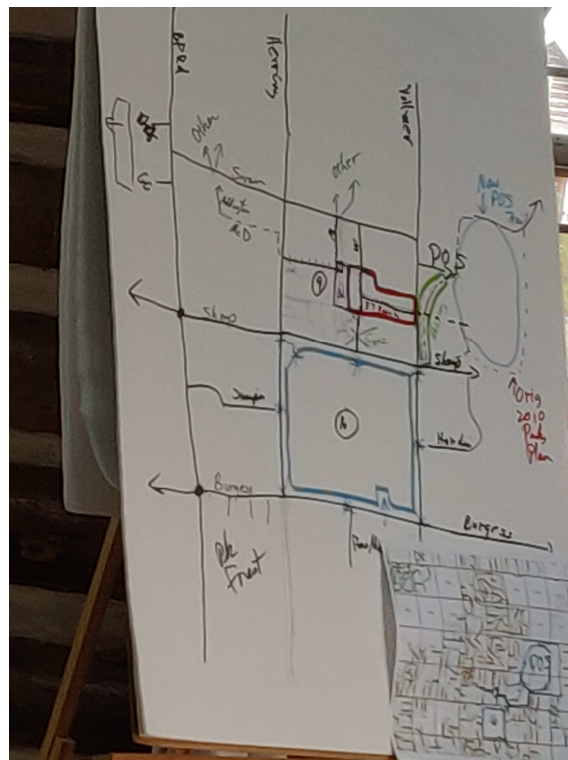
### New Business

- Black Forest Festival
  - Date: August 15
  - Larry reserved the same booth as last year. Our spot is prime for social distancing, if that is still an issue in August.
  - Gordon will plan to be there the full 8 – 3
  - setup and cleanup: Andy and Steve (7 – 8am and 2 – 3pm)
  - 8 – 10: Jerry
  - 10 – 12: Nancy
  - 12 – 2: Cheryl
  - We will give out beer cards again, if the September meeting can be held in a location with a liquor license. Rich will get template to Andy if BF Brewery can host the meeting.

### Additional Business

- Next meeting will tentatively be September 16, time and location TBD. This will be our annual General Membership meeting, but in September instead of in October.
  - **ACTION: Rich to contact BF Brewery about hosting the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



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From: **Elba Barr Theda Stone** <[manager@bfbackyardfarmersmarket.com](mailto:manager@bfbackyardfarmersmarket.com)>

Date: Tue, Jul 7, 2020, 4:04 PM

Subject: Re: BF Market Status

To: Rich Mock <[rvmock@gmail.com](mailto:rvmock@gmail.com)>

Hey Rich!!

Here is where we are at:

- averaging 800-1000 patrons a week
- 150 patrons are weekly repeat customers
- 400 new patrons come in weekly
- currently at max capacity for vendors (with covid restrictions) making a total of 55 vendors

We have some great new things happening in the market

- recycling days - going for a green market we will be recycling plastic bags as well as PPE for all of July
- customer appreciation - having a day in Aug
- Back to School - working with the school districts to have a day.

Not sure if you have been to the market but we printed out a posted saying who donated the hand sanitizer right at the front of the market where we post who the vendors are. We also have it on our website and on social media.

I will check with Theda to see if we need anything else, we took last week off so trying to regroup. What would be great if the group would be willing to sponsor either the kids corner or the YEB. Just a thought on coverage for you all. We have about 100 kids do the kids activity and our YEB sold 80% of what she brought. Either one of those locations will allow us to share information with patrons specifically about the group vs at the beginning of the market. But I will send you a follow up email tomorrow morning after I get with Theda.

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