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Black Forest Trails Association Meeting

January 12, 2022

Via Zoom

Attending: Rich Mock, Andy Meng, Cheryl Pixley, Larry Fariss, John Wallace, Gordon Limb, Nancy Reinhardt

also, Brad Frieden and Jason Johnson

The meeting began at 630pm.

Minutes approved - John made motion and Gordon seconded.

Treasurer report – have almost \$30,000 and have 100+ members

Donations – Joe & Lori Trechter (\$150)

Jason Tremblay (\$500)

Website contact: Jason Johnson,

Paintbrush issues – someone put a gate up there. Jerry might know about it. Nancy will look through past minutes.

Waterline through Fox Run - Rich will meet with Susan Davies and Todd Marts and also Nathan Robinson. Larry said if pipeline went through the park it would run into Sun Hills subdivision. He thinks option A is now to go down Roller Coaster rd. HOAs are meeting to discuss.

Arroya land transfer – Cheryl said the transfer is going in the direction we want. Deed is now in BFTAs name. It takes the title company a while to issue the policy and will forward it to the county. She has forwarded the deed copy to Jason Meyer. They are trying to work out a way to get rid of the illegal subdivision. We do now have title insurance. The county has a way to waive the illegal subdivision and Jason is helping.

Section 16 trail definition – Larry and Rich met with Susan Davies. They said maybe work could be done with Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI). Gordon said his son, Jacob has his eagle scout project and who could lead it. RMFI could shape what work needs to be done. Larry pointed out the county obviously needs to be involved and suggested to talk to Nathan Robinson first --- then the eagle scout project – then talk to RMFI and get a one of their mitigation experts. Further discussion. Gordon will screen Jacobs (his son) email first.

Pineries shelter - Andy reached out to Dana.... Scheels has interest. Bottom line is they can't do a shelter as the conservation easement that pineries is held in does not allow for any structures to be built. He

talks to Scheels marketing people periodically and if we come up with a project that needs money we can contact them as \$5000-\$10000 is not out of the question for them. Maybe a matching situation like we've done before. Rich wondered if it could be something for the trail to connect to section 16. Andy said that would be a county issue. He did ask Dana about the southwest loop. Dana says won't happen until 2023. Andy is not optimistic about it even in 2023. There's a fence that needs to be repaired. Rich said that Scheels has a relationship with the county. Dana never went into what they're getting money for. Scheels wants to work with as many nonprofits as possible.

TMI (Trail Mapping Initiative)– Keith invited but he's not on the Zoom call. Andy will get together with Rich to plan.

Meadowglen update – Larry reminded us the trail was blocked. Jack Yonce is interested party. As he lives nearby. The Didleaus have been sick. There was to going to be meeting with them and Jack Yonce but it was cancelled because Phyllis was sick. He is going to exercise his option to block their efforts to have a subdivision unless they open the trail. Larry met with landowner north...he's ok with interim trail.... east of Didleau's property. Where Judy's property starts. Larry doesn't think Jack Yonce is going to be successful in the immediate future. Larry and Gordon would take the lead for the interim trail which would be Part A - Part B would be to connect across Judy von Ahlfeldt's property which she would be for. Gordon is familiar with that property north and asked if it would it be possible to have an opening, maybe bring in some tree limbs to mark as he would rather not tear up someone's property -- -Larry said it will be a single track with just a lawnmower mowing it. Current fence would be one boundary with possibly stanchions. Gordon said another idea is those driveway markers.

New business –

Jason Johnson - He introduced himself. He belongs to Bridge church on Marksheffel Rd. He has labor – each quarter of the year they do a project and wanted to know how they can help. Rich said we don't have any current projects. Gordon and Larry mentioned possibly the Section 16 trail work.

Brad Frieden - introduction said he had in the past, submitted the TOPS proposal for Blodgett peak open space. He noticed an area slated for development. He has talked to TOSC, RMFI and other organizations. He hasn't said what the development is. Would like to have trails included beforehand and is hoping to sit down with the CEO of the development to see if they'd be open to some of his suggestions. He shared a visual view. He is hoping the developer will be willing to have a trail along the western side which would have access to National Forest. Hes talked to Ross Williams of the El Paso County Parks about this for 2 years. He will suggest to CEO that it would be a benefit to his subdivision. It'd be dependent on El Paso County trails from one of their trails into the national forest. Larry explained our area is east of this but would love to support anything in El Paso County. Explained we've worked with 2 subdivisions recently to get them to include trails. One developer built their own trail with their money. There is a county directive to include open space. BFTA has embraced developers to include trails. Brad said the developer has put trails and open space into the plan and the county has agreed to it so since they've met the requirement, they won't push for more but public groups can. He wanted to know if there are any other organizations we could recommend. Larry suggested he mention that BFTA supports this in concept. Cheryl asked if any of these trails will connect with anything. Brad said one of the main ones will spur from a

county regional trail but it's not worked out how it'll connect with the National Forest. Brad said this development would have cul-de-sacs that would touch open space. Preble mouse issues exist which mean not being able to build into those areas. His proposal doesn't go into those areas. Jason wondered if there could be a need for 3-10 volunteers. Larry explained we have used Boy Scouts and that there is always some kind of need, and we will contact him. Gordon said for Jason to stand by because we may need help on the Section 16 trail work.

Larry and Rich met with Susan Davies and Aaron Rogers who is working on the Super friends groups. He heard that the county doesn't want to manage a lot of little projects. Susan Davies felt county doesn't want and was surprised. She said Dana Nordstrom is not so much in favor of friends' groups and would rather see an ambassador. He talked about Pinerias friends group and Dana Nordstrom was not really for a friends group. Larry said BFTA could do this on an interim basis if they can't get someone. Teresa Odello has taken over Tod Marts job.

State of the union – Rich expressed concerned that we need to recruit new members for the board. Thinks we're doing pretty good otherwise.

Newsletter ready to be printed, but Keith's article couldn't be fitted in. Andy said it can be included in next time.

Super friends' group. John agreed to be our guy.

Tax-990 form due in May. Rich asked what this is. Andy said when we signed up for the service up in Denver that this is part of their marketing. Cheryl has just been doing it manually.

El paso county has a vacancy in the park advisory council in the north area. Larry can't take this on. John said he would. There's an application there. Rich will endorse it. Meets once a month and it's for issues in the whole county. John said he would follow up. It has a 2-year commitment. Rich has had experience with this and how it works. Larry said Susan Davies would love for BFTA to have someone on this board.

Cheryl asked Larry if he knew who took our trail sign on the 4 acres? It looks like we were out of our property by 10 feet so that developer took it down. Gordon hasn't box bladed it and he could go back. Larry said it would only be a few feet. Cheryl asked if he talked to Judy V about the neighbor to the north. Larry said she knows he talked to him. He will go brief Judy to see if she wants a temporary one on her property.

March 9 is next meeting – hopefully at the community club.

Meeting ended at 745pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Reinhardt

Secretary

