

Black Forest Trails Association - **Revised to add name of \$5000 donor**

March 9, 2022

Via Zoom

Attendees: Rich Mock, Larry Fariss, Cheryl Pixley, Nancy Reinhardt

Not present: Gordon Limb, John Wallace, Andy Meng

Meeting started at 6:31pm

Minutes were approved. Larry made motion and Cheryl seconded. Only change is TMI should be spelled out to Trail Mapping Initiative. Nancy will make update.

Treasurers Report - checking \$15,150.58, savings \$1,308.84, 12 month certificate \$6,544.66, 12 month certificate \$1,541.44, Arroya Lane Property \$10,000.16 – Total \$34,545.68.

Membership: 68 members, 47 expiring on 3/31/22 but renewals are coming in. Andy has sent out an email blast to remind people. Lifetime members 36. Total members currently is 104. Cheryl pointed out some of the Arroya Lane monies have been spent on title insurance, etc.

Website contacts – Rich talked about Fox Run NDS waterline update, some junk mail

Arroya Land Property transfer– Ross Williams is handling now. He has made an application for the \$427 for meeting not to be charged for a meeting and asking if they can give special treatment for this situation. It is progressing.

Section 16 - Gordon not present. Rich will send him an email to ask for updates.

Pineries – large masticator has been running along park boundary to clear a path to separate the Sanctuary from the Pineries. Judi von Ahlefeldt not happy, churning up soil, weeds. Possibly on the south side. Larry unaware. Rich said thinks they're just clearing trees along burn area and probably not a problem. Nancy asked if this is on south side. Unsure but possibly.

Super friends group – John is not on our meeting, but has been attending Zoom meetings for super friends groups. They are trying to get all the friends groups to share best practices. It sounds like he wasn't able to ask any questions due sound issues.

Black Forest Festival – August 12-13 - We are getting another free legacy booth. There will be bier garden at Black Forest Brewery. Set up for our booth will be on the 12th and we need to man it on the 13th. Rich has been invited to a reunion at an Air Force function so will not be able to be at the festival. He wants to get a couple cases of water, typical handouts (applications and maps). He wondered if we should reimburse the organizers. Cheryl said they are supporting us – why do we need to support them. Larry said the Community Club is who puts on the festival. He doesn't think the BFCC people need it as this seems backwards, but it was a nice thought.

Great American cleanup – Sat April 30 9-12. Bag pick up is April 25-30. They asked if we have any swag and he would like to provide some applications to BFTA. Cheryl suggested giving them some old newsletters. He listed 30 volunteers for Section 16, 30 for Black Forest Regional and 10 for Palmer Divide. Does anyone want to handle the Pineries? Chery suggested we have previous commitments,

and we don't need to take on anymore. Fountain watershed is handling the sign up. –their website is not up yet – Allie will let Rich know when it is. County will pick up the bags from Section 16 and Black Forest Regional.

Donations – Discussion followed as to what to do with this money. We got one for over \$500 and \$100 for Hanks Cheryl said she didn't think they donated funds for benches but instead, for trails creation and maintenance. Rich would like to put two at pineries, one with BFTA name and one with Joseph Krzizike, the person who donated the \$5000. \$5000 is a lot of money for trail maintenance. Benches are \$2500. Larry said some of the money could be used for the county to do the work Gordon wants to do at section 16. This means approaching the county to have them do the work instead, to fix the wide trails, decommissioning trails or do cleanup for one of the trails in the parks. Nancy said she thought it would be good to have at least one bench at the Pineries and mentioned a couple of incidences she knew of where people were feeling sick or got hurt. Rich will mention to Todd about some kind of emergency communication system at the Pineries like at a ski area.

Next meeting is Wednesday, **May 11**, hopefully at the community club.

July meeting – our general membership meeting which will be **July 12**. So far, we have Susan Davies. It's on a Tuesday instead of a Wednesday at the Black Forest Brewery.

Larry said the pipeline through **Fox Run** has been possibly moved to the road due to public clamor and cost of making it run through the park and over people's properties. He said the Fox Run friends group people went right to the developer. They are a registered 501 ©3. Rich said they get a free booth at Meadow Grass and maybe we could ask them to include BFTA applications. We could help them out at the festival with their information & they can help us out.

Summer newsletter – Cheryl said that July meeting is coming up and we need to get it out early. Waiting until the July meeting to discuss it is too late. Takes a while for everyone to get their pieces to Andy. She's going to be gone half of June. We will have elections coming up. Need to find replacements for Andy and Nancy.

Larry will work with Gordon on getting the little segment done that was discussed last at our last meeting, near the closed property on Meadowglen. This will probably be done in May.

Meeting closed at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Reinhardt

Secretary