



May 16, 2011

Minutes of Meeting

Present Bill B. (President), Lars A. (Vice President), Jane G. (Treasurer), Carl C. (Trails), Sandy C. (Membership), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Vicki S. (Web mistress), Mark S. (FOW), Elli S. (FOW), John S. (FOW), Tyler E. (Landmine), Eric O. (Trail Watch), Carold B. (FOW). Bill V. (Wompatuck Staff), Judy and David S. (FOW), Liam P., (Also attending – 2 dogs)

Number Present: 17

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions (Bill)

President Bill Boles opened the meeting. We all introduced ourselves and spoke about our interests.

VP Report (Lars)

Lars will discuss the new map later in the meeting

Secretary's Report (Pam was not present)

The only correction to the report was the number of rides in the various routes of the PMC Kids Ride. Sandy says there are more routes but the exact number is not important to the report. A star will be placed next to last month's report noting this. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported the current balance in the FOW account is \$18,959.87. Jane distributed a list of expenses for the month. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported there is 1 new family membership and he has deleted 3 names from the list for non-renewal. Currently there are 103 members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Trail Activities Report (Carl)

Carl reported the NEMBA trailer with all its tools will be kept at Wompatuck from now on. We will take an inventory of what is in the shed and determine what additional tools should be purchased. We will now have two muck trucks. Carl is building a rack in the new shed for tools. Carl has talked to Steve G. about FOW purchasing some washed stone to use on some of the trails. Steve G. is looking into branding information on the bridges. New anti-slip material is on hold until it is determined which way we will go. However, it was suggested we use a bleach solution on the bridges to kill the mold and make them less slippery. Vicki and Mark brought in their BOB trailer for us to use. Thank you so much!

Trail Watch Report (Eric)

Eric reported the jacket worn by the Trail Watch riders is no longer being made. We will need to find a new source. Carl suggested we might buy patches instead and they could then easily be moved to other clothing. Eric would like to have group training classes for new Trail Watch riders rather than train individually. He thinks this will be more effective. This will be the third summer for the program and all agreed it has been very successful. The group has been well received and has helped many people in the park as well as having reported trail problems to Steve G. Eric suggested that we purchase an FOW tent to bring to events.

FOW Maps (Lars)

Steve G. announced that DCR will definitely not be printing maps for the park this year. FOW will take over the printing. Lars showed a sample of the 14" X 17" map that will be used. There is an excellent map on one side and the other will have park information, directions to the park, basic park rules, phone numbers, description of trail markers, Trail Watch Wompatuck and FOW web site and how to join. There will also be advertisements from local businesses and exclusivity to each type of business. The cost is \$800 for a full panel and \$200 for a quarter panel. Certain businesses have been given a quarter panel for donations of money, product or time to FOW. They are REI, BikeBarn, Simms Bros., Pilgrim Paving, and It's Party Time. Bill B. suggested we give Pilgrim Paving a corporate membership. A motion was made and seconded to have a plaque made for them. Steve G. will contact them for information to put on the plaque. It was decided all companies qualifying for a free listing on the map will be given a certificate plaque.

Adopt-A- Trail (Tyler)

There had been some response to the program but as yet no trails have been claimed. Some people are already doing the job on certain trails; the process just needs to be defined for them as well as new people coming on board. Steve G. will meet with everyone selecting a trail to discuss unique areas or those that need special attention pertaining to the selected trail. Bill B. says DCR has come up with new guidelines. The revised draft will have

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additional information such as Adopt-A-Trail. It was mentioned there had been some leaf blowing on some of the trails. Steve G. said this is not allowed in Wompatuck.

Tyler says trails may be selected for adoption at any time.

Doane Street (Steve)

Steve says the new signs donated by John K. are up and there had been a noticeable difference in the amount of dog waste left on the trail and entrance by Doane Street. Judy S. says maybe up to 70% less. Steve says his managers are already asking about the new signs because they are not regulation signs. He has sent pictures to them mentioning it is a pilot program to help limit dogs from spreading diseases to each other as well as trying to keep the waste from the water supply near by.

Landmine Classic (Tyler)

There were a lot of positive comments about the manual Vicki has started about how to run the Landmine Classic. The basics are there and now individuals who handle certain aspects of the race can add specifics i.e. Pam – registration, Carl – Parking. Carl would like to increase the size of the field by 20' or so each year to eventually return the field to its original size. Tyler reported: NEMBA will again handle first aid, the scouts will do the food, we still do not have number plates, the registration page is almost ready to go, the arrows and spray paint need to be ordered, awards need to be decided, some trails need to be fixed. It was agreed as much as possible should be done as early as possible.

Important Dates

National Trail Day: June 4th at 8:30 A.M. at the Visitors Center

FOW Monthly Meeting: June 20th – Visitors Center – 7:00 P.M. Bill suggested since this is the longest day of the year we will go on a hike at 7:00 and then return to the Visitors Center for a brief meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Prepared by Jane G., Treasurer