

Friends of Wompatuck
Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2007

In attendance: Lars A., Jerry and Jane G., Jim R., Jim D., Eric O. , Steve G., Sandy Cole, Steve C.

Absent: El Presidente, Bill B.

Officers Report

Bill-

Steve- Lots of blow down trees out on the trails. Eric marked the new trail with flags. Steve investigating trail tools for use to use so we are not dependent upon the SEMASS Trailer.

Chris- Ending checking balance \$8,140.50. Call Jill- Root 66 not cashed check?

Eric- Membership at 35. Eric will resend newsletter after recreating mailing list.

Old Business

501c3 update : We have reinitiated contact with our lawyer but not have heard from them to send in the form for review. The actual application is completed thanks to the monumentous efforts of FOW Treasurer, Chris Hebert!

New Business

Jim Dillon: He raised the issue of adding a membership volunteer that would be entirely responsible for membership reminders. Important to be on top of sending out renewal notices, push membership by coming up with ideas on how to identify and gather more members. This could be an appointed position so we would not need to add this position into our By-Laws. Chris H stated he would like to be relieved of his Treasurer duties to assume the role of membership volunteer. Jim also mentioned that the brochure needs to be updated. The phone number on the brochure needs to be changed from Eric's home number. A discussion arose about what number we could use. It would not be appropriate to use the park's number.

FOW Elections: Elections will be held at the January meeting and all positions are up for election. The position of Secretary and Treasurer will be vacated by the current position holders therefore we need other members to become involved at the executive board level. Here is a description of each office:

President- Responsible for running each FOW meeting. Helps to guide the direction of FOW activities, implement activities, and oversee the executive board.

Vice President: Supports the President in all facets of the organization. Organizes and implements Trail Care days, one in the spring and fall.

Treasurer: Responsible for maintaining all financial records and activities of the FOW. Needs to be onsite for the FOW fundraiser weekend at the beginning of September.

Secretary: Responsible for notes during all meetings, responsible for communicating with new members including sending out welcome packet to new members via e-mail and standard mail.

Bill Boles is interested in remaining in the position of President

Steve Cobble is interested in maintaining his position as Vice President

Chris Hebert would like to abdicate position of Treasurer. Eric is interested in acting as Treasurer

The position of Secretary is open with no interested parties at this time.

Please send nominations to admin@friendsofwompatuck.org

Visitor Center Volunteer- Jim D. suggested FOW provide volunteer to staff the VC on the w/e. Sandy also brought up the idea of having information available to park visitors so give suggestions for locations for families to explore the park. We could create suggestions in print and have them available at the visitor center. We could create suggested riding loops, family walks, kid's bike routes, etc along with historical information. This would be a good FOW project. Create "What can I do in the park?" written suggestions. Maybe FOW could build holders for the information. We should interview Steve Gammon about 'what he knows' about the park then transcribe that information. Steve G. will contact someone at HHS to see if we could find someone to help create info sheets. We first need to develop topic areas.

Large map- Steve C. suggested having a very large laminated map in the Visitor Center with marked loops using dry erase markers. These loops could be changed on a regular basis to avoid overuse issues. Steve G explained the rationale for the current trail marking system. Keeping intersections marked is a problem and people feel it is easy to get lost in the park.

Markings in the Park- Sandy made suggestions to improve signage in the park like more signs in the park pointing to the Visitor Center and somehow creating better signage throughout the park to make it easier to see while on the trails.

NEW FOW Brochure- The group discussed the need for an informational brochure with panels about different facets of the park and give suggested trail areas. Park users could look at this to get a quick overview of the park and what activities can be done here. The group brainstormed what kind of info could be included in the brochure such as Nature Study Area, Camping, Hunting, hours of operation, Reserve America contact info., etc.

POW WOW next summer- Jim Rose proposed we have a Pow Wow next summer in south feild. Andy may be a good contact for that. Jim Rose will look into that idea.

Spring FOW Day?- Jim D. brought up this issue again. He stated that if NEMBAFEST did not return we could do a multiuser event by the VC but suggested we table the idea for this coming year. The group voted to table the idea until next fall.

New Park Info- Steve G is trying to get park info from John Richardson. Mr. Richardson is willing to let us copy his info. Steve would like the Friends to pay for the duplicaiton of these materials. Jim Rose will look into how much it would cost to duplicate these large mpas, charts, etc.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. All in favor.

Next Meeting is January 21, 2007 at 7 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Oddleifson

FOW Secretary