

The meeting started at 7:10pm

Present- Carl Casale, Jane Goldberg, Steve Gammon, David Farrell, Gary Mackinnon, Vicki, Lili, Kai Schow, Bill Boles, Sandy Cole, Tim Friedmann, Lars Ahlzen, Wayne Strohm

VP report- Lars had nothing to speak of.

Secretary's report- Carolanne not present so Wayne volunteered

Treasurer's report- To date we have \$ 26,713.99 - Also thank you very much Jane G for your generous gift
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Web page-Vicki had nothing to report

Membership- 3 new members, total members to date, don't have, will get!

Sandy and Lars sent out membership letters(feel letters) explaining what FOW is and does for the park. There have been some returns. Any donations to the park(FOW) Gary will send out a thank you note. So far it seems to be working, will keep you up to date.

Citizens Bank update- Gary talked with Kevin Downing from Citizens Bank about the Playground Adventure Area Proposal and the hope is to get him to come to the park to show him how great the parks is and to brand the Citizens name. The park brings in anywhere from 100,000 to 150,000 visitors a yr. with a lot of events throughout the year. Next meeting we may have a list of bigger ideas for the park- stay tuned!

FOW Outreach, website- Gary M suggested the thought of getting a newspaper or media reporter to the park for advertisement and to show what the park has to offer.

The possibility of pin point on the wumpy maps to highlight some cool features of the park. Wait and see!

SNOWpatuck 2016 -Dave F and Kevin Chichlowski from Bike Barn put on an awesome show, 60 registered riders, 15 non registered, and some more! Remember with the wind chill it was 35 below zero! Thanks to Pam J for collecting \$655.00 in donations for this fun event. This initially was to be a Fat Bike race event, but was decided to be a FUN FOR EVERYONE event, and that it was. For years to come this will be a- for everyone - event.

Wumpy got to use the new fat bike trail groomer pulled behind by a snowmobile thanks to Glenn W. Oh did I forget to tell you, Glenn also donated the snowmobile to FOW, thanks a bunch Glenn the groomer and snowmobile will come in handy for years to come. The skiers, bikers, walkers, shoers, are liking this grooming system. There are already new ideas for the future winters, stay tuned!

DCR Partnership Matching Grants- on hold

Doug Luoma Checks- The checks finally showed up and are now in the account, thank you so very much Doug for your generous gift

REI projects- Bill B called REI, . End of year report and photos were sent to them,they will get back to us.

2016 FOW Projects- Next meeting discussions, gonna bring a bucket list!

FOW Letters- Ragnar Relay Fundraising-Was decided to contact Katie Seely and use the moneys that would be donated to FOW to use for DCR staff.

Michael Whamond, Scoutmaster in Hingham, contacted FOW for trail days 2016 volunteer opportunities in the park. No dates yet, more info to come, stay tuned.

New Business- Gary talked with Brad Sands the park supervisor and discussed the paint markings/chalking on the tree trunks in the Whitney Spur area for an event in the park. This is not acceptable to the park. Possibly in the future anyone needing a permit for their event to go on in the park to have a retainer, charge them, or not give them the permit they need at all. More info about this to come.

We are in the process of getting the permit for the Landmine 2016 bike race. Steve G donated the ice ladders to FOW. Gary M got the rope and buoys needed. Assembly to come and discussion where to have apparatus at reservoir.

The possibility of a Visitors Center rehab? maybe! More to come.

Last fall FOW built a bridge in Whitney Woods. That said, Whitney Wood's Tom (O'shea)sp? was hired on the developing trails on the DRC property all over the state. This could really help out the whole trail system for everyone in MA. More info to come, stay tuned.

The meeting ended at 8:50 PM