



June 20, 2011

## Minutes of Meeting

### Present

Lars A. (Vice President), Pam J. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C. (Membership), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Liam P., (FOW), Judith and David S. (FOW), Tyler E. (Landmine), Carol B. (FOW)

Number present: 10

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM with a 45 minute walk followed by the business meeting.

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

### Opening Remarks and Introductions (Lars for President Bill Boles)

We enjoyed a 45 minute walk with Park Supervisor Steve G., who shared more Wompatuck history, and included a visit to a well and old house foundation. A beautiful, bug-free evening on the last day of Spring! Judy was diligently performing trail care as we strolled through the park!

Lars skipped introductions as we are well known to each other, and proceeded with the VP report.

### VP Report (Lars)

Lars reported that the PMC Ride was a success in spite of the weather. Steve, Sandy and Lars believe there were over 400 kids who took part in the ride; parking was at capacity and they believe the fund raising was successful. Thanks to FOW and NEMBA for all their volunteer efforts! And thanks to the PMC Kids Ride organizers for running a terrific event.

Lars also reported that the June 4<sup>th</sup> Park Serve trail care event was successful. Tyler will provide details about work completed on Prospect Hill.

### Secretary's Report (Pam)

Pam thanked Jane for taking minutes at the last meeting. She asked the members present if there were any corrections to the minutes from the May FOW meeting. Pam will make up corporate sponsor plaques for Pilgrim Paving. With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the May Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

### Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the current balance in the FOW account is \$18,764.18. Jane distributed a list of expenses for the month. There has been little activity over the past month. Jane asked Sandy if it was time for dues renewals; Sandy will send renewal email notices this week. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

### Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported there are currently 104 members listed; we had 1 new benefactor membership.

### Trails Report (Tyler for Carl)

Tyler reported that 13 – 14 volunteers attended the June 4<sup>th</sup> Trail Care event. A tremendous amount of work was completed on Prospect Hill to repair unsafe modifications that had been made by unknown park users. Steve Cobble posted a sign in the area to alert users not to modify trails and to contact FOW, NEMBA or TrailWatch Wompatuck for more information.

Upcoming Trail Care dates are:

July 17<sup>th</sup>

August 20<sup>th</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup>

### Landmine Classic Discussion (Tyler)

Tyler noted that brush is starting to grow on the trails. The *bikebarn* Thursday morning riders will begin work to cut the brush back. Steve G. mentioned that the hedge trimmer is missing and that it is a great tool to use for the cut backs. When the NEMBA trailer is returned from CT, Tyler will look to see if it is there. The group discussed the need for an additional hedge trimmer and a string trimmer. A motion was made and seconded to authorize purchase of both tools; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Tyler also reported the following: the number plates have been ordered; the arrows have been ordered; the spray chalk has been ordered; he will be working with Kevin to set up the Landmine planning meetings; he is working with Lars on the course map and it will be posted to the website; Tyler would also like a large 3' x 3' course map to be posted on race day; the BikeReg site is up and there are already 6 riders registered.

Tyler also met with the timing company rep to discuss volunteers needed. Tyler commented that this group is well organized. The scouts will be running the food in the field and also in the feed zones. He mentioned that we should change the staffing of the table behind the Visitor Center to another location further into the race course as not too many riders are stopping that early in the ride. Nona's will be selling ice cream. The prize money has been decided and is posted on the Landmine registration site. Pint glasses with the Landmine logo may be included in the prizes this year. Kevin will be helping again with tee shirts.

Tyler will be meeting with Steve G. to plan trail maintenance needed, including finishing the bridge from the Eagle Scout project. Summer workers will spend time devoted to trail care and bridge repair.

### Webpage Report (Vicki from China!)

Vicki and Mark and Elli are now living in China! We were all happy to hear that they have already been biking! Vicki will continue to maintain the FOW website and has asked for photos from Trail Care events. Please email to: [vicki.schow@hotmail.com](mailto:vicki.schow@hotmail.com) We miss you!

### Wompatuck Map (Lars)

Lars showed us the map he is developing, including the reverse side with the sponsor section and FOW information. The map is beautiful, showing great detail of topography, wetlands and accurate trail paths. Lars mentioned that sponsor revenue may fall short of the estimated printing cost of \$2,700. He anticipates approximately \$1,000 will be realized from sponsors; the balance will be

**Wompatuck Map – Continued (Lars)**

paid for from FOW money. Lars recommended we use a heavier paper stock (80# – 100#) for the map, which increases the cost of the printing to \$2,700 for 15K maps. Steve G. confirmed that 15K is the typical annual usage. A motion was made and seconded to use the heavier paper for the maps; the vote was unanimous to accept.

**Boston Globe Coverage**

Sandy reported that he had received an email from Jeannette Barnes, *Boston Globe* correspondent for the *Globe South*, requesting information on Wompatuck State Park activities. As Tyler is most familiar with Landmine and trail care, he agreed to contact Jeannette to share information on: trail care; rail trail development, specifically the incomplete Federal project to demolish the buildings on the connector trail between Wompatuck and the Cohasset T station; Landmine Race; Park interpreter activities; FOW role and activities; and other Park projects.

**Old Business**

*Dog Signs*

DCR would not allow the signs provided by John K. to be posted in the park. The signs will be posted on other properties in the state as a pilot program.

**New Business**

*IMBA*

Jane received a packet for IMBA membership. We will get that packet to President Bill Boles.

**Important Dates**

Trail Care: July 17<sup>th</sup> – Visitor Center – 8:30 AM

FOW Monthly Meeting: July 18<sup>th</sup> – Visitor Center – 7 PM

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:02 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Pam Johnson*

*FOW Secretary*