

FOW 6/19/17 Meeting

Meeting opens 7:00 PM

Members and guests present: Vicki Schow, Mark Schow, Kai & Lili Schow, Tim Friedmann, Sandy Cole, Doug Luoma, Lars Ahlzen, Jane Goldberg, Jenny Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Bill Boles, Alex Hall, Matt Tobin, Michael Mullaley, Pam Johnson

1, President Vicki Schow welcomes members and guests.

2, Officers Reports

VP Lars Ahlzen –Reported that he'd found a Maine company that could print maps for far less than the local company. **Motion** to accept the VP Report and proceed / Unanimous

Secretary Bill Boles noted that he'd sent out the minutes along with the agenda for tonight's meeting. **Motion** to accept Unanimous

Treasurer's Report - Doug Luoma reported on our financials and mentioned the expense of \$1800 for the South Field bridge is still in the future.

Motion to accept: Unanimous

Membership chair Sandy Cole reported a continuing gain in memberships. FOW membership now includes 184 Households.

3, Trials: Tim Friedmann sets a date of 7/16 for the South Field rebuild.

4, Trail Watch Wompatuck: Pam Johnson describes a need for some kind of handlebar mounted sign denoting Trail Watch Wompatuck patrollers. Bill Boles responded that Blue Hills Trail Watch members were equipped with a hook & loop map bag.

5, Wompatuck Discovery Day: Pam Johnson reviews Wompatuck Discovery Day. First thanking DCR staff, Jane Goldberg and Jenny Sullivan for working so hard to make the event a success.

A discussion follows:

Perhaps next year's event should be held earlier in the season.

Perhaps it should focus on activities rather than display tables. IE: Each group, like dog sledgers, hikers, bikers, runners, etc. run a mini-event open to the public

Shorten the event;

Best time, maybe the end of June when school is out.

The discussion will continue.

This year's Discovery Day had a budget of \$2000, of which \$1500 was spent. Many of these expenses were one-timer's and need not be repeated. FOW Received \$21 in donations.

6, NEHSCA report: The FOW Wompy Warriors now number 18 kids with more expected next year. They range from 5th – 12th graders. Over 300 kids participated in this year's NEHSCA Wompatuck event.

7, Landmine Classic: Vicki Schow reports that FOW might save \$1800 this year by not going with USA Cycling

8, Pump track: We have a construction permit and work will start soon. There is a need for 100 yards of fencing which will cost about \$3000. After the project's completion FOW will do a post-construction fundraiser.

9, DCR Report: Matt Tobin reports that

The new sidewalk and road paving are complete.

The Bridge Lip has been fixed.

The campground re-electrification is now on hold till fall

The Student Conservation Association will construct a Herring Pond Boardwalk.

We will need to get more lumber soon

Matt suggests that the two FOW trailers have a roof constructed between them to facilitate storage.

The Facebook system of reporting deadfalls is working.

Some effort needs to be expended to fill in the emerging stump holes in South Field. 10, Pan Mass Challenge Kid's Ride. Bill Boles reports that there were 325 Kids, and 160 Volunteers. He especially notes the efforts of the DCR staff to keep everything running smoothly. To date the event has raised \$50,000 for Cancer research and the amount is growing. 40 kids elected to ride one of the mountain bike courses. All had a good time.

11, Website: Lars Ahlzen reports that the new website is in the works. He may site it with Greenhost as then it would be free.

12, Event Scheduling: Alex Hall notes that we should schedule future FOW events as soon as possible to avoid possible conflicts with other organizations.

Pam Notes that Discovery Day will probably be on a Sunday next year. Maybe Sunday June 3rd.

13, DCR Kayak program. Matt reports that it runs on Thursdays and Saturdays and that it fills up quickly.

14, Tim Friedman notes that he has started a Tuesday novice or introductory NEMBA ride to acquaint new people with Wompatuck.

Next Meeting: July 17th – Taking advantage of the extended evening we will start the meeting with a look at the pump track and then go for a hike. 7:00PM at the Visitor's Center.

Meeting adjourns: 8:45 PM