



August 20, 2012

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Lars A. (Vice President), Pam J. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C. (Membership), Carl C. (VP Trails), Steve G. (Park Supervisor), Tyler E. (Landmine and Adopt-A-Trail), CJ Grazioso (Boy Scouts), Chris Grazioso (Boy Scouts), Eric Dresser (HCAM-TV), Carold B. (FOW)

Number present: 11

Meeting convened at 7:03 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions (VP Lars A.)

Bill B., President, is away so Lars will run the meeting. Lars welcomed everyone and all present introduced themselves.

VP Report (Lars)

Lars reported that the Trail Care event on August 18th was cancelled due to rain. Plans for additional Trail Care will be addressed during the meeting.

Secretary's Report (Pam)

With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the July Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept. Thanks again to Tyler for taking the minutes in July!

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the current balance in the FOW account is \$15,604.24.

Landmine receipts are starting to come in. Jane will be away in October and will leave a few checks with Bill to cover in her absence. At the September meeting we will decide whether Jane needs to leave the post office box keys as well. Jane is still waiting for a bill from Root66; Tyler will follow up.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the July Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported that there were 2 renewals received. Question was raised whether we should move the renewal date to December 31st due to the need to easily track renewal dates. Many were in favor, although discussion ensued regarding how to handle members who join close to December. Further discussion is warranted. No vote was taken. Steve G. suggested we encourage members to buy FOW memberships as holiday gifts. Pam will include that suggestion in future email blasts to the membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the July Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Trails Report (Carl)

Carl reported that the trails are in pretty good shape. Carl had a sample of a plastic mesh covering to consider using for bridge repair. The group decided that while that covering would work for bicycles, it is very slippery for walkers and would not be the best option. Bridge covering is needed prior to Landmine. Bridges to repair: between E8 – E9 and C10 – E15. South Field Bridge also needs attention. Steve G. will get the supplies out to the bridges; Tyler will let Pam know if there will be crews going out to work and Pam will blast the FOW membership for pick up crew.

Landmine 2012 (Tyler)

Tyler reported that he hopes small crews will be heading out this week for trail care and bridge repair. The men's group has offered to help with traffic control; the scouts are on board for food; prizes will be arriving (glassware) and Kevin will be ordering tee shirts and water bottles. Carl offered suggestions to make the kids' race more interesting; following discussion Carl agreed to keep the course as is (which is great for the kids!).

Webpage Report (Vicki – supporting the website from China!)

The website is up-to-date and no additional report was offered.

Eagle Scout Project (CJ Grazioso – Life Scout Troop 41 Abington)

CJ Grazioso is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 41 – Abington. CJ is working on his Eagle project and would like to paint the entrance station at Ames Nowell, paint floors and would like to re-shingle the roof. CJ is a carpentry student at the Vo Tech School. Steve G. agreed that these are excellent projects and work that needs to be completed. Steve suggested that CJ try to have the roofing project covered by the school to address issues of liability and use of power tools. Steve will work with CJ to coordinate these projects. Steve said he has shingles in stock to be used for the repair. When school starts this Fall, CJ will follow up with his teachers to determine whether this can be a school project. CJ may also request funding support from FOW; all agreed this is a great project and will welcome the request.

Hingham Community Access Television (Eric Dresser)

Eric Dresser is the Executive Director for Hingham Community Access Media (HCAM). HCAM provides television coverage of local events and activities in Hingham and contacted FOW to help promote activities at Wompatuck State Park. Media format available is power point slides or video. HCAM will train and lend video equipment to member groups; the membership fee for one year is \$40 and includes training and use of the equipment. Posting of power points slides are done at no charge. HCAM airs both community and government topics: Comcast channel 97; Verizon channel 31 for community. Comcast channel 9 and Verizon Channel 30 for government related topics. Lars and Tyler will develop a power point slide for Landmine 2012 prior to the race on September 9th. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded and the vote was unanimous to join the HCAM for one year with a membership cost of \$40. Eric will contact Jane G. with details for membership processing.

Old Business

Trail Care

Carl and Tyler will let Pam know when “pick up” trail care will be scheduled; Pam will post to the group.

New Business

No new business was brought forward.

Important Dates

Landmine 2012	September 9 th
FOW Monthly Meeting	September 17 th

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Pam Johnson, Secretary