

Friends of Wompatuck 8/19/19

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting opens 7:05 PM

Members & Guests present: Vicki Schow, Mark Schow, Tim Friedmann, Lars Ahlzen, Bill Quinn, Peter Williams, Brad Sands, Steve Gammon

1. VP Report, Lars Ahlzen reports that the new maps will be printed shortly.
2. Secretary's Report, Bill Boles asks if there were and changes to be made in the draft Minutes. There being none the minutes were accepted unanimously.
3. Our treasury went from \$22,245 – \$20,711 over the last month due to Landmine pre-expenses. The report was accepted unanimously.
4. Membership chairman Sandy Cole reported that our current membership remains at 118.
5. Trail Report: Tim Friedmann's trail report noted that the Stinging Nettles between NN12 and NN14 were gone. Steve Gammon noted that they should be DCR's responsibility since they created the problem. Vicki Schow will write the Commissioner, Leo Roy a letter. He's already aware of the problem.
6. Trail Maintenance: Tim noted that there would be a trail day "ride" on 9/7 to check the route for blowdowns and arrows.
7. Playground Initiative: DCR is currently asking for over \$16,000 in up front money to move forward. This is too much for us right now as we have not even begun fundraising. DCR will be contacted after Landmine and hopefully the fundraising can begin then.
8. Landmine Classic: Vicki Schow reports that things are moving forward. More volunteers are need at this point but, we should be okay. There will be a volunteer's party at Bike Barn
9. South Pleasant Street entrance. This is actually on Department of Transportation property. We are working to get it transferred to the DCR. Bill Quinn noted that the South entrance gate and kiosk need work. Brad Sands will install a new kiosk. Bill suggests identifying four parallel parking spaces.
10. Paul Peaslee Scholarship – A draft of the plan will be sent to interested parties.
11. Weir Farm is a Trustees of Reservations property that abuts Wompatuck and Whitney Thayer Woods. There are lots of parking spots and the farm would like to partner with the Friends of Wompatuck on some events.
12. Old Business: Tim Friedman reported that he'd bought a gas powered hedge trimmer, brush hog with harness. It will get a lot of use.
13. New Business: Peter Williams and Mark Schow suggest that we set up a table at the Landmine for "Landmine Relief Funds". It will be done.
14. Heron Pond Bridge: Brad Sands reported that the Student Conservation Association replaced the old degraded bridge.
15. Reservoir Cleanup: It is noted that our scheduled 9/21 reservoir cleanup may be affected by high water levels. We'll see as we get closer to the 21st.

Meeting adjourns 8:15 PM.