



January 17, 2011

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Lars A. (Vice President), Pam J. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Mark S. (Landmine), Vicki S. (Web), Elli S. (FOW), Carl C. (FOW), Carol B. (FOW), Donald C. (FOW), Wayne S. (FOW), Mark P. (Boy Scouts), Sandy F. (FOW), Sandy C. (Membership)

Number present: 13 members on Martin Luther King Day

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Vice President Lars ran the meeting in President Bill Boles' absence. We all introduced ourselves and shared our interests and activities.

VP Report (Lars)

Lars indicated that he would address issues as presented throughout the agenda.

Secretary's Report (Pam)

Pam asked the members present if there were any corrections to the minutes from the December 20th meeting. With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the December Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept. Pam also shared a photo of the FOW Trail Care Event in the January *Single Tracks* magazine.

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that there was one final change to the Landmine 2010 expenses and that was reflected in the current report. Landmine revenue: \$17,097.71; expenses: \$9,295.57. The current balance in the FOW account is \$18,293.16. A motion was made and seconded to accept the December Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported there are currently 99 members listed; approximately 33 have not renewed their memberships. Suggestion was made to send each of those members an email with an "Exit Survey" with questions about why they chose not to renew, and also a link to the website to renew their memberships.

Pam and Sandy will work together to maintain one list of email contacts in the FOW gmail account.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December Membership report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Trails Report (Tyler - absent)

We will look forward to Tyler's report in February. Several members said there are a lot of trees down in the park and there will be plenty of trail work to do in the spring! Mark spoke with Tyler regarding the purchase of tools. Tyler has not made any purchases yet, but will work on acquiring the previously identified tools including: wheelbarrows, "Pulaskis", other trail cutting tools, shovels, rakes, other trail maintenance supplies and sharpening tools. \$500 was voted by the group at the last meeting as a budget for Tyler to purchase tools and supplies.

Discussion ensued about "branding" bridges. Suggestion was made that a full plank could be pre-made in the shop and the FOW name could be routed on the plank which would then be attached as part of the bridge. Members present would like to know how NEMBA marks bridges. Request was also made to make the ramps to the bridges less steep. (Please ☺)

Landmine Classic (Mark)

Mark and Vicki made a HUGE announcement that they will be moving to China in the spring! While the group will miss this dynamic team (including Elli!) it sounds like an amazing opportunity! Thanks for all the dedicated efforts to Mark and Vicki! Suggestion was made to have the January 2012 meeting in China. There was no vote taken.

Tyler and Kevin (*bikebarn*) have agreed to be co-directors of Landmine 2011! Thanks to both for taking on this job!

Mark emailed Jill at Root66 to confirm our need to have 1,000 consecutive racing numbers for Landmine.

Webpage Report (Vicki)

Vicki has updated the website with the most recent minutes and newsletter and also included Alma's report on yak tracks for winter running. Due to the wonders of technology, Vicki will be able to continue as Webmistress during her tenure in China! Thanks Vicki!

Eagle Project (Nick Pinto)

Nick came before the FOW members to request financial support for his Eagle Scout project. He has been working with Steve G. to build/install benches, bridges and to do fencing work. The group was very supportive and had a variety of suggestions for alternate projects in the event Nick is constrained by frozen ground. Nick will keep all receipts from purchases for his project. He will be contacting Steve G. this week to finalize plans. A motion was made and seconded to refund up to \$300 of purchases for Nick's Eagle project; the vote was unanimous to approve the funding.

How To Spend FOW Money

The following projects were identified: benches – both simple (to be built) and purchased; building the bog bridge at the Doane Street entrance (to be discussed with Steve G. with regard to hiring a contractor); printing park maps on metal and posting in simple wood stands (Nickerson State Park has metal maps on trails); routed signs with trail names; bridge maintenance; plaques depicting an historical walk through Wompatuck (with Jim Rose's help to create the walk). All projects will be discussed in February in anticipation of spring projects and trail care.

How To Spend FOW Money – Continued

Sandy F. said there may be a product “Brandonite X” that is used in marinas that may be good for bridge coverings. She will look into the product for cost and purchase options.

Trail Care Work Dates for 2011

Lars had the list of Trail Care Event days for 2010. The group created the 2011 schedule based on the 2010 dates:

March 13	Sunday
April 9	Saturday
June ?	Park Serve Day to be determined
June ?	National Trail Day to be determined
July 17	Sunday
August 20	Saturday
November 5	Saturday

All members were asked to please review this schedule for conflicts. Bill B. and Steve G. should please review with regard to planned park activities and NEMBA events. All agreed the August 20th Trail Care Day was good preparation for Landmine 2011 which will be held on September 11th.

Trail Care 2011/Trail Grant Follow Up (Lars)

Wompatuck has approximately \$6,788 available through a NEMBA grant which was awarded in 2009 through the Recreational Trails Program to repair and upgrade bridges. We will need to create a plan to start working on spending that grant money this spring. The February meeting should address specifics of how to meet the requirements to spend that funding. We will need approval from Steve G. for all work to be performed. We also have the REI grant for bridge repair to be included in the repair and upgrade plans.

Question was raised about being able to work on the “Rail Trails” using this grant money. Question was deferred to Bill B. and Steve G. for the next meeting. We also discussed upgrading bridges to “equestrian” standards. We need further clarification to meet this requirement.

Officer Elections

New nominations were made for the following officer positions:

Race Director:	Tyler Eusden
VP Trails	Carl Casale

A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes to the slate for 2011; the vote was unanimous.

Officer Elections - Continued

The following slate of officers was presented for election:

President	Bill Boles
Vice President	Lars Ahlzen
Treasurer	Jane Goldberg
Secretary	Pam Johnson
Membership	Sandy Coles
Web Manager	Vicki Schow
VP Trails	Carl Casale
Race Director	Tyler Eusden

A motion was made and seconded to elect the full slate of nominees; the vote was unanimous to elect the full slate. Congratulations to all! And many thanks for your dedication and hard work!

Old Business

Dogs on Doane Street

Steve G. will be contacting the Cohasset dog officer and police department to address this growing problem. Carl brought up the “Dooty Calls” offer of service; the group agreed to raise this at the February meeting.

Honorary Corporate Memberships

Pam read the letters that will be signed by Bill B. and delivered to REI, *bikebarn*, and the Simms Brothers Marine. She also showed the group the beautiful wooden framed plaques honoring each sponsor. Vicki and Mark will deliver the plaque/letter to *bikebarn*, Lars will deliver to REI, and Carl will deliver to the Simms Brothers.

DCR Stewardship Meeting at Wompatuck on February 2, 2011 from 1 – 3 PM

FOW members are urged to attend this meeting as a show of support and to represent the vibrant FOW volunteerism for the maintenance and preservation of Wompatuck State Park. Please refer to our website for details. www.friendsofwompatuck.org

Adopt-A-Trail

We are looking forward to more discussions in February!

New Business

Volunteer Hours and Projects Completed

Sandy C. has started a list of projects the FOW has worked on and completed during 2010 and will finish the list to be included on our website and in grant proposals. We all thought this was a terrific idea – thanks to Sandy for working on this list! We agreed that we should include a list in the minutes on a monthly basis to track efforts throughout the year. Vicki referred Sandy to the website for all minutes from 2010 as a source for creating the list.

2011 Projects: January Three corporate sponsor plaques

New Business - Continued

NEEF Grant due January 30, 2011

Lars will take a look at the requirements for the NEEF Grant – National Public Lands Day. If it looks like FOW is eligible, Pam offered to work with Lars to file.

Next Meeting Date

Due to the holiday on February 21st the next meeting will be held on the FOURTH Monday:

February 28, 2011
7 PM
Visitor Center

Thankfully we checked for holiday conflicts BEFORE the meeting!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pam Johnson
FOW Secretary