



July 18, 2011

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Bill B. (President), Pam J. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Sandy C. (Membership), Judith and David S. (FOW), Tyler E. (Landmine), Carold B. (FOW), Nick P. (Eagle Scout), Carl C. (Trails), Wayne S. (FOW)

Number present: 11

Meeting convened at 7:02 PM

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions (President Bill Boles)

Bill welcomed everyone and asked all present to introduce themselves.

VP Report (Lars away on travel!)

We will look forward to hearing from Lars when he returns!

Secretary's Report (Pam)

Bill asked the members present if there were any corrections to the minutes from the June FOW meeting. With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the June Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the current balance in the FOW account is \$19,012.04. Jane distributed a list of expenses for the month. Sandy commented that there was one new membership and one new sponsorship from the "Road Bowlers". A motion was made and seconded to accept the June Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Membership (Sandy)

Sandy reported there are currently 105 members listed; we had 1 new corporate membership – Carl Casale Decorating. Email renewals were sent out. Carl mentioned that the website email sign up link does not seem to be working. Bill B. said he will check it out and will let Vicki know if any maintenance is needed to enable this feature. Sandy also suggested the Wompatuck Newsletters, authored by Jim Rose, are historical pieces and should be included in the History section of the website. Pam will email Vicki with that suggestion.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June Membership Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Webpage Report (Vicki – away in China!)

Sandy said he had seen a photo of the Schows cycling in China with Elli in tow! We miss them and look forward to web updates from afar!

Adopt-A-Trail Report (Tyler)

Tyler reported that the Adopt-A-Trail site and links are now up and running. He will forward the information to Pam for one final test. If all is working, Pam will send out an email blast.

Landmine Classic Discussion (Tyler)

Tyler said that there was a well-attended and very productive Landmine 2011 planning meeting at *bikebarn* two weeks ago. Lars has completed the course map and it has been sent to Vicki for posting on the website. We do NOT have number plates yet! Jane volunteered to research suppliers to purchase 1,000 water-proof, sturdy number plates for the race. These plates will be attached to the bikes with twisty ties and NOT to the riders. It would be great to have the race name imprinted on the plates if not too costly.

Tyler has been working with Milton Power Equipment to price a combination string trimmer/hedge trimmer and will have the costs hopefully by the end of the week. The hedge trimmer was NOT on the NEMBA trailer. Bill B. said he will bring the "rogue hoe" to the FOW shed from the SE Mass NEMBA tool collection to be used for trail work prior to the race.

Steve G. has flagged the 2-way sections of the course and he and Tyler walked those sections. Tyler reported that they look good.

Trail Care (Carl)

Carl reported that we will be bleaching the bridges prior to the race and will not need to re-cover the bridges with the meshing. We had a successful Trail Care event yesterday (July 17) with 10 folks spreading crushed stone on the new trail at S19. The next Trail Care day is scheduled for August 20th. Bill suggested we work to publicize the Trail Care event earlier in the month to encourage attendance.

Carl said he had spoken with Eric O. about a nominee for the Trail Watch Wompatuck team: Peter Williams. Peter is in the park frequently, knows the trail system well, and is always working on trails as he rides. Bill said FOW could vote to approve his nomination; final approval would come from Steve G. A motion was made and seconded to approve Peter Williams' nomination for the Trail Watch Wompatuck Team; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Carl said the supply of DCR produced park maps is exhausted. Lars has the new map almost completed. Carl said that he has not been able to reach Pilgrim Paving to obtain graphics work for their complimentary ad spot on the new Wompatuck map which has been designed by Lars, leaving one open ad spot on the map. Carl will be talking with Paul Delaney of "Doody Calls" to ask if Paul wants to become an FOW corporate sponsor, which would include that last ad spot. Carl will get a list of the sponsors currently on the map from Lars.

Bill B. asked if SE Mass NEMBA was an FOW sponsor. Bill also asked if FOW is a member of NEMBA. Jane offered to look into membership in NEMBA; Bill will forward information to Jane. A motion was made and seconded to have FOW join NEMBA; the vote was unanimous to accept. FOW is a member of IMBA and all materials were given to Bill.

The next Trail Care event is scheduled for August 20th and we need to work on the Eagle Scout bridge. Carl said 13 ½ miles are cut back already. He would also like to cut more of South Field.

Carl also said he will be painting the inside of the FOW shed!

Eagle Scout Project Completed (Nick Pinto)

Nick was awarded the highest honor in scouting: Eagle Scout. All present congratulated Nick on his years of hard work, and especially thanked him for the work he completed repairing the fence and building the new bridge near S19. Nick shared his Eagle Project report with all present. The photos depicted the great effort required to work through several feet of snow! The final costs for the project were \$347.30, which exceeded his FOW approved funding of \$300. A motion was made and seconded fund the additional \$47.30; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Sandy recommended the FOW approve a complimentary one-year FOW membership to Nick. A motion was made and seconded to approve the membership; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Old Business

Boston Globe Coverage

There was a very informative and interesting article in the July 17th *Sunday Globe* with great quotes from Bill B. and Steve G. References were made to the rich history of the Park, the Landmine Classic mountain bike race and the important environmental work that has been completed and the work that still needs to be completed for full access to the park. Bill will send the link to Vicki for inclusion on the website; Pam will reference the article in the next FOW email blast.

PMC Kids Ride

Lisa Patterson sent a "thank you" to FOW for all the great help with the Kids' Ride this year. Bill said there were two trail rides: one was 6 miles the other was a 2-mile ride with arrow markers. Bill commented that many of the riders on the 2-mile loop were ready for more! Bill took several kids out for a second ride and the kids loved it. Maybe next year FOW could have more ride leaders and tailor the rides to the kids' ability levels and provide more trail riding experiences. Bill also noted that there are still some arrows up; please pull any red arrows down when out riding!

Carl expressed concern about several kids who rode with training wheels on their bikes. He noted that this is a safety issue. Carl also talked about the importance of covering the railroad tracks. Sandy mentioned that there is a PMC meeting next week; Carl would like to attend to talk about bicycle safety.

New Business

Vandalism

Judy reported that vandals have spray painted the Doane Street gate and the plastic covering on the kiosk at the Doan Street entrance.

Course Markers in the Park

There are two sets of course markers in the park: there are yellow Mass Bay Road Club signs and also white Velo route signs. All markers need to be down prior to the Landmine Classic on September 11th.

Important Dates

FOW Monthly Meeting: August 15th – Visitor Center – 7 PM

Trail Care: August 20th – Visitor Center – 8:30 AM

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Johnson, Secretary