

Friends of Wompatuck Meeting 11/19/18

Attendees: Vicki Schow, Lars Ahlzen, Doug Luoma, Bill Boles, Brad Sands, Keith Pyle, Peter Williams, Timothy Friedmann, Eric Oddleifson, Michael Mullaley, Mark Schow, Steve Cobble, Steve Gammon

Meeting opens 7:05 PM

1. President Vicki Schow welcomes members and opens the meeting. At our December meeting we will elect officer for the following year.

2. Vice President Lars Ahlzen reports that work on our new webpage is ongoing. He has secured **wompy.org** as an additional web address. People using it will automatically be directed to **friendsofwompatuck.org**.

There is a beta version of a new Wompatuck map in test stage. It will have trails ratings and will go live soon.

3. Secretary Bill Boles reported that he had sent out the minutes from our last meeting taken by Tim Friedmann. One change – add Peter Williams will create a list of damaged or missing trail signs.

Motion to accept. **Unanimous.**

4. Treasurer Doug Luoma reported that our opening balance was \$27,969.10 while our closing balance is \$28,631.96. The profit from this year's Landmine was \$5,700.99. Doug noted that some of the expenses for this year's Landmine were non-reoccurring multi year expenses. So that profits from the event were actually higher.

Doug noted that this is the time for FOW's Annual fundraising drive including the corporate sponsorship push. "From my experience in this area, verbal contact with potential sponsors is the first and best way to seek these companies support." He noted that insurance companies, banks and local stores are usually the best potential sponsors. For a \$500 tax deductible or materials donation the sponsor gets a three-year term. Payments may be in cash or donated materials. The sponsor will have the company logo on our website, the FPE tent, The Wompy Warriors Tent, displayed at many events in the park and the satisfaction that they are assisting in improving this wonderful resource in our backyard. If anyone is able to recruit sponsors, please contact me, Doug Luoma dluoma127@cocmast.net.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Unanimous.**

Note: A complete copy of the Treasurer's report will be added to these minutes and [posted on the FOW website after they are approved.

5. Trails: Tim Friedmann reports that the trails are currently very wet. He is working on directional signs such as "To South Field, To Campground etc..."

Peter Williams reports that most of the intersection markers have been checked and a list of those missing or damaged will be available soon.

Brad Sands reports that the Student Conservation Association has built two bridges. He also notes that he will also attempt to play a paved walking loop during snow season.

6. Annual Drive: Bill Boles will work on a draft of an Annual Appeal letter coordinating with Vicki Schow, Sandy Cole, Lars Ahlzen and Doug Luoma.

7. Paul Peaslee memorial bridge: This will be a re-build about 24' long and 4' wide in the E8-E10 area.

8. Snowpatuck Winter Carnival: No date has been set yet. It will be weather dependent application will include a "no snow" date.

9. Office nominations:

President: Vicki Schow
Vice President: Lars Ahlzen
Treasurer: Doug Luoma
Secretary: Bill Boles

Committees:

Events: Vicki Schow
Corporate Sponsors: Doug Luoma
Membership: Sandy Cole
Trails: Tim Friedmann
Publicity: Steve Gammon

FOW Board of Directors:

Michael Mullaley, 1 year
Steve Cobble, 2 years
Peter Williams, 3 years

Elections will be held at our December meeting: Additional candidates will be accepted at that time.

10. Wompy Warriors: Eric Oddleifson reports that in 2019 there will be 4 sub teams and 4 sets of coaches.

Club Team: Wayne Strohm & Tim Friedmann
Select Team: Jason Roberts – 1-2 races required
Premier Team: Ken Chennell, enduro focused
Elite Team: Eric Oddleifson & Bill Dailey

The teams will consist of 5th – 12th graders. The team concept was developed because 36 kids was too much for one group.

Jean Schiller will be the team administrator.

11. Old Business: Steve Gammon met with Susan Kane.

The playground proposal is moving forward and getting support from upper levels of the DCR.

The Visitor's Center will be getting new windows.

The South Field expansion project will probably not occur.

"Rogue" trail creation is not allowed.

Mt Blue Spring has re-opened after a short hiatus due to an electrical issue.

Tim Friedmann noted that we needed a chalk machine for the Landmine: After a discussion it was **voted** to authorize up to \$500 for purchase. **Unanimous.**

Eric Oddleifson noted that Bike Barn will be selling its stock of Landmine gear. He will come up with expenses for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourns 8:40 PM