

**SCTA REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2018
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Spruce Creek Trails Association was called to order at 9:05 am on Wednesday June 6, 2018 by President Bob Hawkins. The meeting was held at the Pavilion.

Board Members Attending: Bob Hawkins, Sue Bertch, Lindsay Cobb, Craig Fletcher, Karen Forseth, Laurie LeRoy

Board Members Absent: Brenda Goett, Lorraine Coriaggio, Linder Powell

Others attending: Joe Coriaggio, Paul LeRoy

Craig Fletcher volunteered to take notes, as the Secretary, Lorraine Coriaggio was absent

OPENING REMARKS – Bob Hawkins

President Bob Hawkins opened the meeting by sharing some interesting information about the Spruce Creek area. In 1997, the tax revenue collected by the county was approximately \$50,000. In 2016, that number had increased by over 400% to \$143,700. Local government recognizes that the horse business is of significant importance to the area, with an estimated impact of \$643 million dollars.

MINUTES OF MAY 2 2018

The minutes of the May 2nd 2018 meeting had been forwarded for review by the Board via e-mail prior to the meeting. Laurie LeRoy reviewed them at the meeting. There were no changes requested by those present. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented in the e-mail. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote (6-0). The minutes will be posted on the website and the Facebook page.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Hawkins

Since Brenda Goett is on vacation, Bob reported that the bank account balance is \$11,952.27. This includes recent expenditures of \$450 for the Evergreen Trail survey, and \$154 in materials for the Wild Cat Den repair. When Brenda returns we should have a more detailed report available for the July meeting.

TRAIL REPORT - Craig Fletcher

Craig reported that the repair to the Wild Cat Den trail on our side of the creek which was washed out in the unusually heavy spring rains has been completed. The interlocking blocks have been placed in the creek, and several hemlock logs used to rebuild the step down. Hopefully, this should withstand future sudden rises to the water level. Many thanks to those who helped over several days to complete this project: **Daniel Johnson, Craig Fletcher, Sue Bertch, Bill Goulding, Joe Coriaggio, Jill Houston, Max Traven, Bob Hawkins, Capt. Grumpy, Lindsay Cobb.**

Craig reported that the Spruce Creek Trail between Trail Head Lane and the Cumberland Trail Head needs immediate attention as the drainage problems continue to cause serious mud holes and other

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erosion. Craig and Daniel Johnson have been looking at the work to be done and the costs to rent some equipment such as a back hoe. Tri County rentals seems to have the best prices and availability. There was additional discussion about various options, equipment and manpower needs. Craig also suggested that perhaps the board could purchase gas cards to give to those who use their own tractors and fuel on this and other projects.

Craig urged the board to seriously consider some form of an "Adopt A Trail" program for our trails. After a special acknowledgement to Greg Simpson of the Spruce Creek Campground who mowed the entire entrance area of Spruce Creek Drive and Evergreen, Craig indicated that many other areas have high grass/weeds encroaching on the trails, as well as needing low branches trimmed and debris cleared. The Volunteers could "adopt" sections from mile marker to mile marker for a year. They would be responsible for weed wacking, trimming, light chain saw work and reporting problems. No formal action was taken for now. Laurie LeRoy volunteered to call the county Road Department and ask them to mow the sides of the roads which would provide some improvement. Lindsay said she would put something in the next e-blast to tell folks that they do not need to wait for a work day to help do simple maintenance on the trails.

Craig reported that there are 167 members of the Official Spruce Creek Trails Face Book page. It seems to continue to grow and be an effective way to communicate with members and area residents.

WELCOME/SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Bob Hawkins

Both members of this committee (Pam Atwell and Rose Duchon) have resigned. Laurie LeRoy and Karen Forseth volunteered to take over these duties. Karen said she would get the materials and latest delivery information from Rose in the next few days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

EVERGREEN TRAIL – Bob Hawkins

The survey was completed and we have paid the \$450 invoice. The Land Lease is with Kathy Kunkle's lawyer. As it has been several weeks, Bob will follow up. We need the signed lease to proceed with the work on the 297 end of this trail.

SOUTH FORK PROPERTIES – TRAIL LEASE TO SCTA – Bob Hawkins

Further discussion and the draft lease with Ricky Rains are on-hold pending the outcome of an outstanding court case. The hearing scheduled for June has again been cancelled. No new court date has been indicated. Bob will follow up.

FUND RAISERS – Karen Forseth

The license plate mock ups samples were reviewed. It was generally agreed that we would sell them for **\$12 or \$15**. (purchase price of \$8) It was agreed that the wording be changed from Spruce Creek Acres to Spruce Creek Trails. Karen will work with the vendor.

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Several other ideas for fund raisers were discussed such as a flag run, poker run, guided trail ride, selling name placs on a future board walk/bridge, etc.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY – Bob Hawkins

Bob reported that the Volunteer Recognition Day scheduled for June 2nd was cancelled. Craig reported he was not able to obtain donations from several business he approached. The Board discussed the intent to have a successful event in December with more non-board member volunteer names and better planning/execution.

Lindsay suggested that the local businesses might be more willing to support us if we provided recognition as a Corporate Sponsor. Bob pointed out that we did have recognition posters and sent Thank You notes for the 2016 fund raiser. For instance, we have done business with Potters, Kings, Crab Tree Signs, Fentress Block, Tractor Supply this year. Lindsay will work on this.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Several board members urged Bob Hawkins to continue as President, but to no avail. Laurie LeRoy was nominated by Sue Bertch for President. The motion was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. (6-0)

Sue Bertch declined to be considered for Vice President as she is absent for an extended winter vacation each year. Laurie LeRoy nominated Lindsay Cobb for the position. The motion was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous. (6-0)

It was recognized that Lorraine has done an outstanding job since assuming the Secretary position. Because she was not present the group wanted to confirm that she would accept the position for the coming term.

Laurie LeRoy nominated Linder Powell for Treasurer as she has book keeping and accounting experience. Bob Hawkins shared that Linder intended to resign.

Laurie LeRoy moved and It was agreed to suspend the meeting and election of officers until we could determine the status of Lorraine and Linder. The nominations/election process would conclude by e-mail vote. (See below)

OTHER DISCUSSION

The need to reinstate a pavilion committee to prepare for Pot Lucks and events was put forward by Laurie LeRoy. Laurie will coordinate for the June 30th Pot Luck. Tabled for future consideration.

Dogs on the trails: Several serious incidents have transpired in the past few months involving loose dogs on horse trails. (NOT on our trails) We have never addressed this issue for the SCTA's trails and dogs do accompany riders from the neighborhood and campgrounds. The group discussed that the Park requires

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all dogs to be on a lease. There is a \$250 Park fine. It was also noted that Tennessee does have a lease law. Tabled to think about it for future discussion.

CONTINUATION OF THE JUNE 6TH MEETING:

During the next few days, Lorraine Coriaggio agreed to the nomination for Secretary and Linder Powell agreed to the nomination for Treasurer. It was determined that Brenda Goett also wanted to be considered for the Treasurer position and was nominated by Greg Fletcher. Voting was conducted by e-mail. Results:

Secretary: Lorraine Coriaggio (5 for, 1 abstain)

For: Laurie, Lindsay, Sue, Craig, Karen, abstain: Bob

Treasurer: Linder Powell (4 for, 1 abstain)

For: Laurier, Lindsay, Sue, Craig abstain: Bob

Brenda Goett (1 for: Karen)

The results were announced and the meeting was adjourned via e-mail on June 12, 2018.