

SCTA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2019

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Spruce Creek Trail Association was called to order at 9:02 AM on Wednesday April 10, 2019 by President Laurie LeRoy. The meeting was held at the Community Pavilion. Present were Laurie LeRoy, Lindsay Cobb, Linder Powell, Lorraine Coriaggio, Sue Bertch, Craig Fletcher, Karen Forseth. Absent- Brenda Goett, Bob Hawkins.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Laurie LeRoy- Opening Remarks

BSF Superintendents Code of Federal Regulations was reissued in July of 2018. Laurie will send a copy to all Board members. It contains regulations specific to the BSF. Our membership is 65 members as of today.

Lorraine Coriaggio-Meeting Minutes from March 2019 meeting

Meeting minutes read for the 3/13/2019 meeting by Lorraine Coriaggio. Motion and second to accept meeting minutes made and accepted unanimously by the board (7/0).

Linder Powell- Treasurers Reports

\$6,280.31 is the current balance in the checking account. Ricky Raines gave \$250.00 for band (Parrott Bros) for the Spring Fling potluck on April 27th. Bob Hawkins is paying for the band campsite. Our YTD membership funds collected are \$2,150.00 and unrestricted donations are \$995.00.

Karen Forseth/Becky Osmun-Welcome committee

They have stopped at many houses to give welcome packets. Recent activity includes new residents: Whitskin family on Johnson Place, and Ken and Kay Chitwood on Cowboy Way. They continue to seek any people in the neighborhood who may benefit from a community information packet.

Web Site- Sue Bertch

Sue is working on rebuilding the website using different software. She needs trail work pictures to post on the site. She recommended paying for a 2 year fee to Go Daddy for our domain name. She will submit the invoice for reimbursement.

Lindsey Cobb-Communications

The weekly E-blasts have been going out successfully. Craig advised that our “official Spruce Creek Trail Assoc.” Facebook page is public. Anyone can read the posts. We do require that the posts are approved by an Admin. before they appear. Most are put up without the ability to comment. Lindsay reports that the Thank you notes are out for last month’s donations.

Craig Fletcher-Trail maintenance report

A new version of the Trail Maintenance log with a corresponding trail map created by Laurie was presented. It is done in a word table so it can sort many ways to find information. Craig has started a trail assessment/reassessment. He hopes to use a new gadget that can locate where pictures are taken so exact area can be marked for attention. Craig working on some new ideas for beautification and fixing some extreme problem areas on the trails. He is going to mark as “dangerous” Tee-pee loop at Crocket Drive area where sink holes are located. Craig reports several areas will need an excavator to repair trails degraded by the rains last fall and this spring. He will speak to Danny Hatcher to try and line up for some work before the next board meeting.

Craig requested \$1,200.00 for work on the storage area behind the pavilion: \$500 for fencing and \$700 for gravel. Motion approved 7/0. A motion was then made to purchase a job site box costing approx. \$300.00 to lock up a drill and other tools purchased by the SCTA. The motion was made and approved 7/0 for a job site box. Also, approved a motion to reimburse Daniel Johnson for items he purchased for trail marking. Since this will likely be less than \$200, a vote was not needed.

When the trail assessments are done, we will need volunteers with tractors and other workers for trail work days. Lindsay is working with a counsellor at the high school to see if we could hire some students to work on trails during the summer. More details to be discussed next meeting.

Craig recommended that we provide a horse rescue kit for horses down on a trail to keep at the pavilion. Lindsay volunteered to start compiling a list of items which could be included. Group discussed that we could ask for donations of the needed items before we purchase anything.

OLD BUSINESS

EVERGREEN/KUNKEL LEASE- IS still pending. No information from the lawyer this month.

SOUTH FORK PROPERIES-, plans still in the works to reroute Tee-Pee Loop as they continue to develop area off Spruce Creek Dr. in the rear of the sub-division.

FUNDRAISERS: Linder reports items left for sale: License plates =7, tee-shirts=3. Will sell at the Spring Fling SCTA table.

TENNESSEE SALES TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST-Laurie sent it in to the state. The reply/certificate will go to post office box.

MEETING WITH BSF SUPERINTENDANT NIKI NICHOLAS

Lindsay, Bob and Laurie met with BSF Superintendent, Niki Nicholas on 3/19/2019.

We signed an "Adopt A Trail Agreement" for 2019 for Proctor Ridge. We will need to work with the Park Service to determine what needs to be done, and designate a work day with them. David Pope is the new Trail Manager and Eric Delk is his deputy. Effie Houston is our Park contact person for information and coordination.

We need to be sure to record any volunteer hours we expend for the Park. The Park is awarded 5 cents for each volunteer hour to add to their budget.

They are continuing the "TRAIL KEEPER program". The board agreed to help BSF by advertising and make information available to our members so they can sign up to support this program. Sue volunteered to lead this effort.

BSF is expanding ranger versatility programs such as mounted rangers and are looking for gaited horses for patrol. Only 2 rangers are mounted at this time. Some rangers are mountain bike patrolling, and working on mountain climbing and water rescue certifications.

Station Camp is no longer a "concession" location. The Park is going to bring the facilities up to standard and make it a multi-use camping facility. It will still have accommodations for horse campers.

We confirmed that we will continue to monitor and maintain our 4 entrance/accesses to the BSF riding trails. As with all Park entrances, they must remain open to the public.

SPRING FLING: YARD SALE AND POTLUCK W/MUSIC

April 20th cleanup workday time to be at 9:00 AM

Yardsale-15 tables reserved. 6 people on the map for yard sales at their house. We will have ads in the newspaper and both radio stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

BSF JOINT PROJECT

Niki asked us to consider a possible project to do in conjunction with BSF to cut and fix a connector trail on the Ky-Tn border (½-1 mile) in length. The environmental impact studies are done. BSF will supply dozers and operators. Need to get with other communities to ensure a big group of volunteers. Should take a trip up in the next couple of months to evaluate so a plan can be put in place to help them. BSF suggested the fall as a good time for this project.

NATIONAL PARK AND NATIONAL TRAIL DAYS- coming up in June and September.

BOARD POSITIONS-need people to apply for election at May meeting.

TN LEASH LAW AND DOGS ON THE TRAILS-Have had inquiries and complaints about lose dogs on the trails. We have not had a stated policy in the past. Should look at park rules, etc. and discuss further at the next meeting. Will post this on the website and in an E-blast.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded with unanimous vote to adjourn (7/0) at 10:25 am.