

1/21/15

Board Members Present: Andrew French, Marcy Gibson, Marie Lynch, Livy Strong, Jim Massingham,

Guests: Quinn Hopwood, Beth Hopwood

Meeting start 7pm

Review of minutes: Approved.

Marcy: No financial report needed.

Livy: Klondike derby said the papers were in the mail... Nothing new to report on that. Tentatively scheduled for the 1st weekend of Feb.

Marcy: The \$3742 for the trail analysis, its happening this spring so it'll come out of the budget for 2014-2015, so the money will be there because of the savings we allocated for the second grant. \$10,000 allocated for trail maintenance, the second \$5000 was un-used so can be used for that.

Marcy has the bills and stuff for the mowing, it might be useful for the bid about the mowing. Jim said he would work on it last meeting. Jim reports not much progress. Jim says the bills will probably be helpful, and Marcy says she has another two years of invoices if he thinks he needs them.

Park Management: Nothing to report on trails.

Grant updates: grant for the work that was already done, has been approved, and is moving forward. Jim must now submit a W9, and then payment will be in 30 days. Jim was hoping Livy has filled out one in the past, they will look at it after the meeting.

Original: \$22,455

Grant: \$17,964

Actual: \$22,140.86

(\$314.14)

Grant: \$17,712.69

(\$251.31)

Events: Summer concert series. Bands have signed up for every Wednesday. The band has not responded about moving the first concert night. Code 11, Jim Magnet, Shellhouse, just to name a few upcoming bands.

Publicity: Website updates: Andy will double check that the Annual Report is on the website.

Dog Waste: We will construct signage to inform about the switchover, when needed. Shouldn't be any additional expense.

New business: Jim: A few months ago, Bob brought up the idea about managing the forest... Jim met Gary Sawyer, just retired from the state as a forest manager. Jim will give him a call and see about meeting with him, maybe he can advise us for free about how to manage the forest better. Bob says we need to know what are the proper trees that should be in the forest, and which ones are invasive and how we can preserve the health of the forest. Gary is pretty familiar with the park, and hopefully he will be able to help us out and educate us some. We think that some sort of forest management plan would be good, at least an updated one. We had an old one done by Green Leaf Forestry when the property was purchased and Livy has it in hard copy, she will try to get a copy to us.

Bob: Getting people in to help manage the playing fields, we should develop a plan. Someone from the high school or UVM to come in and be our advisor on the subject. The coaches and teams are supposed to help us with maintenance but we haven't been enforcing that. This spring we should develop a plan and work with the coaches to identify problems and fix things. Livy doesn't know how far we want to get into managing the fields... they can be expensive. We will have to take a look at it this spring.

Quinn Eagle Scout: update on the trail signage. Voss Signs. Brought in some samples. 35 signs and 35 arrows was \$208.75. Quinn counted we need just about that. He also wanted to build a covered signage board, and maybe put it in the upper meadow, right as the trails get confusing. This might not be enough to get the Eagle Badge, so is there anything else we want him to do? Quinn may need to look into the fact that the charge he quoted us may only be for one single type of sign, and not many different as is needed. Quinn decided to go with the plastic instead of the wood signs, because Bob recommended to go with the plastic due to the UV resistant nature and the fact that they would last longer. 35 signs was an original estimate, backed up by Quinn's rough counting and decisions based on what trails we were confusing, hoping to add signage to reduce this. We will discuss if we want plastic or wood signs, and how we would like them attached to the tree.

*We will decide on plastic or wood signs. Quinn will need a signature from the park to say its ok to do the work, but this is farther down the line. He will eventually come with a written proposal before we proceed, and we will give him final approval.

Further discussion of the signs ensued. Everyone seemed to like the look of the wood signs, and didn't like the thin plastic signs. They liked the look of the wood, or composite routed out and painted. Just like the VT State Park Signs. Bob will communicate to Quinn: a sign that's 4-5inches wide, and about 12inches long, long enough to spell out the names of the trails, with room for the arrows potentially on either side. We will think individually in the intervening time about specifically where we would like the signs to be placed, and how we would like it to look. Bob will also ask for a design of the kiosk.

Election of Officers:

Current Officers want to remain in position? Yes.

Does anyone want to be an officer? No.

Vote: Current officers remain? Passed.

Adjourned. 8:29pm

Recorded by Andrew French