

**July 13, 2015**

**Minutes**

**Friends of Croft**

**Present:** Will Beaker, Marie Biggerstaff, Stanley Bishop, Rick Henderson, John Moon, Michael Paschal, Fern Powell, Bob Williams, Alex Wood (guest from the Eagle Scouts)

Fern gave everyone present an agenda and presided over the meeting. The minutes for the June 8 meeting were approved. Michael passed out a handout regarding the Croft Half-Marathon and Bob gave everyone flyers to be posted advertising the August 8 benefit, Hunters for the Hungry.

**Financials:** Rick noted the current balance was \$23,500.99. The General Fund balance was \$5,408.31. Rick said there was \$1500 in the Go Green account. He noted another \$500 that was given to the bathroom renovation account. He suggested that since the Go Green account went for things to beautify the park, the funds for the portable generator should be taken from this account.

Fern mentioned that an employee at the bank had informed her that the by-laws for FOC needed to be registered with "a government agency" in order to finalize some bank matters. Fern and no one present knew which agency of local government these by-laws needed to be registered with.

**Stump Jump:**

Fern noted that two individuals joined FOC during the activity. Will said that 120 racers participated in the "great races" especially in the Category 1 Pro Field race. He also said that the racers complimented the trails and there was good feedback concerning Croft State Park's biking trails. He noted that some North Carolina bikers were going to book camp sites and come back later to ride the trails. Bob then asked if any pictures were taken. Will responded in saying that lots of pictures were taken at the event.

**Upcoming Neewollah Event: October 24, 2015**

Fern said the structure of this event was to be the same. John agreed and said that he would send last year's flyer so that the group can look at it. Fern noted that the group needed to get together in September in order to do the planning for Neewollah. It was mentioned that the expenses for FOC were Dante the magician, the bounce house and the food and drink. John noted that Croft will be responsible for the hay ride and again emphasized the need of volunteers for this event. He mentioned the possibility of volunteers creating scenes along the hayride and competing for prizes for the best scenes.

**Camp Croft Half Marathon:**

Michael had given everyone a handout which detailed everything concerning the event which included expected participants, age groupings, entry fees, prizes and the things needed such as coolers, drinks bananas, etc. He also listed the things needed from FOC which included a separate bank account for the race that money can go in and out of. Bob said that he would check with BB&T to set up this separate Half Marathon account. Rick made the motion to give Michael \$300 so that he could begin making expenditures for the Croft Half and Fern seconded the motion which passed. Bob felt that the water and bananas would probably be donated by Cosco. He also said that he had four coolers. Michael was quoted \$9.00 per tee shirt and Bob said he would carry a sample shirt to someone he knew to see if they could do them cheaper. Someone asked about the presence of

EMS personnel at the event. John stated that he would inform EMS and Croft Fire Dept. about the event to let them know what is going on in case emergency assistance is needed.

**Generator:**

Motion was made by Bob and seconded by Marie for FOC to purchase a "Powerhouse" portable generator from NorthernTool for Croft State Park at a cost of \$599. Bob thought it would be good to get a two-year warranty. Bob was unsure of what the warranty would cost so he made the amount in the motion \$750 to cover the warranty. The motion was passed by the board. This generator was mentioned as being needed for the construction of the new bridge at Southside but will also be utilized by the park in other instances where AC power is needed in remote areas.

**Other business:**

Bob stated that he would get samples of FOC tee shirts and quotes per shirt so that the board can make a decision. He noted that 200 shirts will be purchased in different sizes.

Fern noted that the next trash pic-up on Dairy Ridge Road will be Saturday, September 26.

Alex Wood said that the Eagle Scouts wanted to do a project at the park. The project would entail the construction of four four-foot long treated benches to be placed along the south side of Lake Craig above the boat house. He noted that the cost of the benches would be \$500 and was asking FOC for this amount. Bob suggested that Alex accompany him to Home Depot to see if they could get the materials needed for the benches donated. Bob said he felt they would and if not, FOC would fund them. Will stated that he needed verification of approval by FOC and Fern is to e-mail Alex to get his board's approval to proceed.

Fern mentioned that FOC needed to pay for the domain for the web site and had been quoted the following:

1 year - \$35    2 years - \$60    3 years - \$75    9 years - \$135

Bob made the motion to go with the 9 year domain payment at the cost of \$135. Motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Bob stated that he would like to see the bathroom renovation start as soon as possible. In September or October John should find out from Rob, state director, whether or not we will receive state funding. Bob again noted that Lowes and Home Depot will donate certain materials.

Fern asked about whether we should have a FOC August meeting. Rick said that with all that is going on, we should meet in August.

Next scheduled meeting for FOC is August 10, 2015 at 6:30.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.