

March 9, 2015

Minutes

Friends of Croft

Present: Gary Biggerstaff, Stanley Bishop, Rick Henderson, John Moon, Hobby Outten, Fern Powell, Gary Purinton, Bob Williams.

Fern presided over the meeting. An agenda was given to members. Bob gave members a handout with a proposed budget and the funding that will be provided for the May 2 Fishing for Fun Event. The minutes for the February 9 meeting were approved.

Financials: Rick noted the current balance of \$18,686.63. The deposits since January 1, 2015, total \$1,762.65. It was noted that Bob signs FOC checks for Rick. It was suggested that there was a need to have two board members designated and approved to sign FOC checks. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the board to have Fern designated as the second person to sign FOC checks. Rick noted that a \$255.00 premium was due to Select Insurance. He also noted that the website bill is \$150.00 quarterly. Bob is to sign these checks. Rick stated that \$51.85 was due to the Secretary of State for 501 C-3. Bob stated that he had paid this and the motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Bob.

John mentioned that he needed proof of insurance for the \$5000 grant that will be used for trail work. Rick provided him with the proof of insurance information.

Rick, Fern and other board members are to develop a proposed budget. Fern noted that FOC is a reinstated 501 C-3 organization.

FOC By-laws and Policy: Fern noted that the FOC Board was the governing body of the organization and sets policy. A question was raised: Should board members be responsible for setting policy or should all FOC members be involved in the process? Gary B. noted that the board needs to take a look at who sets policy and the involvement of the general membership in FOC meetings.

After a general discussion Gary P. proposed that the board sets policy and the general membership votes on FOC activities.

After a discussion regarding the by-laws, Bob noted that if someone in the general membership wants a change in the by-laws, they should go to the FOC Board and have them consider the change(s). He noted that persons proposing change should discuss change (rationale) along with specifics. Gary P. stated that he saw no need to change the FOC By-Laws.

Upcoming Events:

Hop into Croft - April 4, 2015: John discussed the various activities that are to take place during this event and the funding needed. Rick mentioned that there is \$4500 in the FOC Kid's Account. John also noted the need for volunteers. Bob mentioned that Kohls will provide volunteers. Gary P. noted that students needing service hours in service clubs at Spartanburg High may be another source for volunteers.

Bob made the motion to allocate \$450 for Hop into Croft. Gary B. added to the motion that this money be provided so as to purchase the needed items in the next two weeks. The motion was seconded and approved.

Fishing for Fun – May 2, 2015:

Bob stated that Fishing for Fun should be a FOC event and that event liability coverage (\$350) be purchased. He made this into a motion which was seconded by Gary B. and approved by the board.

Fern is to check with other liability coverage providers regarding event liability coverage costs.

Bob's itemized handout gave a suggested budget of \$3572 for the event. The funding figure was \$ 4000 (see handout). Bob's handout noted that if Harry Hampton donates \$1500 we will have extra money to buy more fishing equipment and tee shirts. Handout lists other possible donors (Harold Campbell, Dicks, Academy).

John noted that he would send flyers to the elementary schools to advertise events. Bob noted the numbers of rods and reels, t-shirts, bait needed along with food (hot dogs) and drink items. Based on last year's participation anticipated numbers should be in excess of 400 (last year's number).

Gary P. stated the need to get specific contact information on the forms parents fill out, particularly e-mail addresses. He noted that he would use this information to develop a database (to be used for future promotions, etc.)

Other Items Discussed:

Gary P. volunteered the Spartanburg Area Mountain Biking Club (SAMBA) to maintain the Croft State Park parking lots on Dairy Ridge Road and at Southside.

It was mentioned that there is \$1100 in the Go Green account.

Both Gary B. and Gary P. stated that FOC needs to look at ways to increase the membership. This will be an agenda item for the next monthly meeting, April 6.