

November 9, 2015

Minutes

Friends of Croft

Present: Will Beeker, Marie Biggerstaff, Stanley Bishop, Rick Henderson, James Horne, John Moon, Fern Powell, Bob Williams

Fern gave everyone present an agenda and presided over the meeting. The minutes for the October 12 meeting were approved.

Financials: Rick noted a current balance of \$23,333.49. John had brought the receipts for the REI grant materials that he had purchased using park funds. Rick wrote checks for these receipts to reimburse Croft State Park. Marie stated that some of the trails needed work and asked about this matter. Rick said that we have never decided how much money to put on the trails and that we need to look at the General Fund balance. Rick also said that we have \$2,499.35 undesignated and it was suggested that this money go into the General Fund. A motion was made and seconded to place the \$2,499.35 in the General Fund. The motion passed. Fern said that we need to come up with a proposed budget in January. John noted that out of the \$23,333.49 there should be \$5,408 in the General Fund. He also said that out of the \$23,333.49 was designated amounts for the Kids Fund, grants, and the \$8000 designated for the bathroom project. Bob said that we still have \$500 coming in from Kohl's. It was noted that trail maintenance is a priority and the money should be there to proceed.

Vote on new board member: Fern had nominated Will Beeker as a FOC board member in the October FOC meeting. The vote was unanimous and Will was voted onto the board.

Croft Half Marathon: There was a discussion regarding the Croft Half Marathon. Michael will keep the event going. In summary of all that was discussed, it appeared that there were some inherent problems in the planning for this event. The following suggestions were made for next year's Half Marathon:

- Bob suggested that we start earlier on the planning. He also said that in the next meeting of FOC, we need to start with this planning.
- There was a suggestion not to use Go Green although there was some discussion over this matter.
- Fern said that Seth Novak may be willing to handle the event again.
- Bob suggested putting out a feeler to Seth to see if he indeed would.
- Will said that he would be work at handling the event, getting sponsors, etc.
- Fern noted the possibility of getting Seth and Will together in the planning and handling of the next Croft Half Marathon.

A motion was made and seconded to pay \$100 toward the amount owed to Go Green. The motion passed.

Neewollah follow-up: Fern gave everyone an Expense and Revenue Sheet for Neewollah. She said we made about \$1000. She noted that next year we need to plan for about 500 people. John told everyone that the date for next year's Neewollah is set for October 22, 2016. John also said that the park made about \$1000 at the Iron Ranger/gate. Based on the amount taken in at the gate from the adult and the children's fees, John estimated that approximately 1000 people had attended the event. He also said that the hayride was a success.

Upcoming Event on January 1, 2016 – First Day Hikes

John said that we always do something on New Year's Day. On the upcoming First Day Hikes Woody and Stanley would lead the family hikes. Michael and his wife would be doing the advanced hike and Marie would lead the horseback ride. John said that we had about thirty participants last year on just one hike. John noted that everyone would gather this year at the Kiosk at the park cabin. The event is to start at 10:00 am. John also asked if there was a possibility that SAMBA would be there and Will is to check on this. Bob said that he would check to see if Kohl's volunteers could be there to serve drinks, hot chocolate, coffee, etc. John said that the Pacolet Runners would be doing a 7 K run on this day. Bob said we could probably get some bananas donated. Bob also volunteered to man a FOC table from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. John is to put out flyers around Thanksgiving to advertise the event.

Other business:

Fern said that the quote for FOC t-shirts was about \$1200. The question was asked about the possibility of going ahead with the purchase of shirts. Will made the motion to purchase them and Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bob had asked about samples of different colors and different size logos. Will suggested another vendor and Fern is to check with them.

John said that a letter needs to be written and sent to REI regarding the progress of the bridge and trail. This should be done by December 7, 2015.

John also stated that all park personnel are currently very busy and that we need volunteers for trail work.

Next scheduled FOC meeting is December 7, 2015 at 6:30.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.