

Minutes  
Friends of Croft  
April 11, 2016

Present: Will Beeker, James Horne, Stanley Bishop, Rick Henderson, Fern Powell, Woody Goodwin. Also Jimmy Stevens and Gary Purinton were present from Event Solutions.

Fern presided over the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves  
The minutes from the March 14, meeting were approved.

**Financials-** Rick said that the current balance in the checkbook for all accounts was \$20, 125. General fund balance was \$3,686, REI- \$2,900, Kids- \$1200, Go-Green- \$106.43

**Half Marathon-** Jimmy Stevens said that this year's event will be a "re-boot", meaning that this event would be an effort to get it started back again as it was once before, a well participated in event. It was noted that the event will shoot for 200 participants, reach out to sponsors and make the event successful. A 7 K run should add to the numbers. Routes would be the same as in past years. The biggest thing will be getting the word out – advertising. Registration will be on line. Event date is set for November 5, 2016. There was input by some members who wanted to make the Half Marathon more than just a run. There was mention of entertainment, raffles, food, and so forth. Jimmy said they (Event Solutions) would call local fire and EMS to notify them of the event in case of an emergency situation. He also noted that he had first aid kits and would furnish the drinks. Someone said that we may have volunteers from Kohls. To see the event one can go to [campcrofthalfmarathon.com](http://campcrofthalfmarathon.com). The event is US Track and Field sanctioned and Event Solutions provides the liability insurance coverage through this organization. A "Special Use Permit" from SCPRT (Croft State Park) will need to be filed and approved. Mention was made of needing at least three people to direct parking.

**Fishing for Fun-** Rick noted that we need about 34 more rods and reels at a cost of between \$11 to \$14. Harold Campbell may furnish these. Rick said we will need about \$700 for this event. Two porta-potties will be rented for the event. SCDNR will donate \$500 to FOC for T-shirts. T-shirts will be printed fronts only (no date) and the cost of the shirts will be about \$800. Marion Tisdale from Spartan Stamp and Sign can do a high resolution scan for a banner. FOC liability insurance for the event through CWS will be \$318.

**Fairforest Trail Work** – Rick has been working on this and is getting closer to being finished. He needs volunteers to help with about 11 culverts and a second bridge. There is \$2200 still in budget for the work which he will put toward the bridge.

**Membership/Fun Day** – the idea of a light weight trail work day with a bbq/lunch after was discussed. The thinking is better to do in later September.

The next meeting is Monday, May 8, 2016, at St. Paul Methodist Church- 6:30 p.m.