

**August 10, 2015**

**Minutes**

**Friends of Croft**

**Present:** 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 July 13 meeting were approved. Fern introduced James Horne, a new member and noted that John and Karen Elmore had recently joined FOC. Rick noted that the FOC group needs to get a "solid list" of current members who have paid their dues.

**Financials:** Rick noted the current balance was \$25,226.41. He said this did not take into account the \$300 taken out for the Croft Half Marathon. Fern stated that the General Fund balance was \$5,000 and that the remaining balance was in designated accounts. Fern noted that she and Bob are now check signees at Arthur State Bank. She also said that she would register the FOC by-laws with the Secretary of State.

**REI Grant**

John stated that it would be best for him to write the checks for the REI project materials and then present the receipt to FOC for reimbursement. He noted that the state has procurement codes which can be cumbersome in such a situation as this and this would save him some unnecessary trouble. (ie. He would have to get quotes for materials, have Rick write the checks and then locate Bob or Fern to sign the checks.)

John also mentioned that REI wants good professional quality pictures to put on their brochures. He mentioned Steve Fincher as a possibility in taking the photographs. John also mentioned the need for lots of other pictures showing trail work, other projects, etc., all indicating that FOC are good stewards in promoting Croft State Park and its outdoor activities. Rick mentioned having pictures of the construction of the new bridge and its completion on a display board at a dedication ceremony. He noted that this could be done at a convenient location and not at the new bridge site. Bob asked John to write about the positive impact of the REI grant on the park so that he could send this information to REI.

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

Bob indicated he had contacted the magician, Dante. Fern said that Mike Dickson has not gotten back to her on the liability coverage for Neewollah. She also said she would contact people about the bounce house. John noted that prizes could be given for the best decorated camp site and Bob said he would contact businesses for gift certificates to be given as prizes. John said that Jay is planning the hay ride and that we need to find a source for hay. John mentioned that this year, the trailers will have hay seats in the center facing outward. He mentioned the boy scouts may possibly help with this hay ride and again mentioned the possibility of having the hay ride scenes judged by adults and prizes given to the best scenes.

**Camp Croft Half Marathon:**

John stated that Michael had a sponsor for the half marathon and that Michael had already started marketing the event. It was noted that sponsors need to make checks payable to the Croft Half Marathon Account. No

separate account had been set-up at BB&T bank. John noted that Michael needs to buy tee shirts and that Abstract Designs' quote was lower than that of Kidd Smith. Bob asked to see the quote from Abstract Designs.

**Other business:**

Bob stated that he would get samples of FOC tee shirts and quotes per shirt, colors, logos, etc. There was a brief discussion regarding shirt colors and size of logos. The board is to make the decision. Fern would like to have these at Neewollah. Bob noted that he had given the Eagle Scouts (Alex Wood) the contacts for the materials needed to construct the benches on Lake Craig.

Fern asked that the date of the trash pickup on Dairy Ridge Road be changed and it was decided to change it to Saturday, September 12. Everyone is to meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot on Dairy Ridge. There was a discussion of the parking lot problem on Dairy Ridge. It was noted by John that the county police are monitoring this area and that he may ask the DNR wardens to check it periodically if they are in the vicinity.

Bob said that FOC needs to make a pledge as to how much FOC will give to the handicapped accessible restroom project so that John can inform the state park's director of the amount. It was clarified that the account for this project was about \$8000 and not \$10,000. Other accounts were given at this time as: \$3000 (Fishing For Fun), \$1100 (Go Green), \$5408 (General Fund) and \$5500 (Kid's Account). Bob made the motion to take the \$8000 (handicapped accessible bathroom fund) and add to that \$2000 (from the general fund). Motion was seconded and passed. It was mentioned that John should know about the state funding of this project by October.

Bob suggested putting on the agenda a discussion on FOC's allocation of finances.

John said he was very optimistic about getting the funds for the pier on Lake Craig (\$150,000).

Next scheduled FOC meeting is September 14, 2015 at 6:30.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.