

Friends of Croft  
Minutes  
January 13, 2014

Board members present: Marie Biggerstaff, Bob Williams, Linda Hinson, Fern Powell, John Moon  
Present: Barbara Smith, Mara Richardson, Olinda Stretcher, Julie Dell, Maxine Bridges, Gary Biggerstaff, Cindy and Mike Byars, Martha Foster, Lyle and Sarah Campbell, Stanley Bishop, Gary Hayes

Chad Henderson turned in his resignation as President. Fern Powell presided over meeting.

John Moon announced that the park was broken into the night before. The Polaris, pressure washer, skill saw, trolling motors, battery recharger and wood duck houses were stolen.

Minutes from December were approved. Bob made the motion, Marie seconded and all approved.

Financial Report: \$10,874.96 is in the bank account. We still have to pay Jonathon Rowe \$3000 and are expecting \$1000 from Kohl's.

The budget for 2014 was tabled for the new board elected in February to decide.

Arena bathroom update from John: \$6500 is estimated total cost. Phase 1 will be \$4125 and Phase 2 will be about \$2375. \$2500 is allocated already from the Carolina Panthers grant. Sidewalks will cost additional money.

Trail work update from John: work is being done on the Foster Mill Trail from where Johnson Connector Trail intersects to the spillway. Riders are asked to remain off the trail until work finished and trail has time to firm up.

Board nominations: previous nominations are Gary Hayes, Julie Dell, and Mara Richardson to the 2017 term, Martha Foster to the 2016 term (Bob Williams and Chad Henderson current members), and current members on 2015 term are Marie Biggerstaff and Linda Hinson.

At the meeting Judy Coleman was nominated to the 2016 term, Gary Biggerstaff to the 2017 term, Fern Powell and Eric Mathews to the 2015 term. An election ballot will be used at the February meeting.

Bob would like to have a plaque or trophy to present to Walmart and Kohl's as a token of our appreciation and to use as a photo opportunity for publicity. Cindy Byars will check into what we can do. Marie made a motion to approve up to \$120, Bob seconded and all approved.

Also discussed was putting up signs along trailheads acknowledging Friends of Croft. Stanley Bishop agreed to help using park guidelines.

Our Facebook page was created but no longer managed. Martha Foster agreed to update but needs password.

A volunteer is needed to head up campaign for \$2000 matching challenge for trailwork. Julie Dell agreed to do this. John reminded us that the park decides which trails to use money on.

More t-shirts are needed. Bob, Cindy and Gary Hayes will check into pricing. We want to use logo but add State Park, Spartanburg, SC

Hop into Croft will be April 19. Fern, Bob, Cindy and Gary Hayes agreed to serve on steering committee.

Fishing for fun will be May 3. Bob is heading this up. He is planning for 150 kids and is asking for sponsorship from Cabela's, Walmart, Dick's and Academy Sports. Estimated cost is about \$2000 total. Gary Hayes suggested we get in touch with Harry Hampton non-profit.

Fern suggested Friends have signs of some sort at the parking areas off Dairy Ridge and Southside as well as the park entrance. The Park will need to approve.

Friends will have a booth at the Farmer's Market in downtown Spartanburg on April 26. Fern agreed to be there.

Fern checked into cost of Director and Officer liability insurance. Minimum premium is \$750 - \$1000 per CWS. We will decline for now.

June 7 weekend will be National Trail Day at the park sponsored by the Palmetto Conservation Foundation. They need help with grills and cooking. They will cover everything else. Expecting 100 or less. Friends agreed to help with cooking.

Next meeting is February 3.