

J. Treasurer's Report

Wayne DeMoss reported that there has been \$3,855 in income (\$3,700 of that from membership fees). After recent expenses were deducted, there is a \$2,603 balance in the account.

K. Annual Dues

The schedule for annual dues and "renewing" memberships was discussed. It was decided to keep the annual dues on a "rolling basis". As long as a member pays their dues during 2007, they will be considered an FOLC member. It was decided not to prorate or otherwise discount memberships paid after a certain date.

L. Change in Board Meeting Dates - Next Meeting of the Board of Directors (and any interested members)

It was decided by all present to move the meeting day to Tuesdays. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the home of Ruben Lao and Jan Ruby, 480 Crossroads School Road.

Corrections and Additions

The above summation is our interpretation of the items discussed and the agreed decisions at the time of this meeting. Any person desiring to add to or modify these minutes is advised to submit comments in writing to the attention of the Secretary no later than five (5) days after receipt; otherwise, these minutes will remain as issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia E. Criswell
Secretary

It was decided not to hold work days in January and February due to the uncertainty of the weather. Work days will begin again in March 2007 (second Saturday unless otherwise announced).

F. Holiday Open House

The Holiday Open House will be held at the Franco home (300 Mt. Zion Road) on December 3, 2006 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Mary and Ed Franco will provide beverages and set-ups/utensils. Board members were asked to bring various food items. Door prizes will include paintings by Jan Ruby, and bird houses by Gary & Cindy Criswell, among other items. There will also be an informational display and committee sign-up sheets. Special invitations will be made to Representative Will Gabig and Senator Pat Vance.

G. Children's Fishing Derby

A Children's Fishing Derby at the lake was discussed. It will be held the first Saturday in February, 2/3/07. It will be a family event with ice skating, ice fishing, and sledding. The PAF&BC has approved this event and will provide assistance with the fishing derby and a program on safety and winter fishing. FOLC will set up a food/drink stand and sell/offer refreshments to attendees. This event will be discussed in more detail at the January board meeting.

H. Corporate/Business Sponsorship Program

John Alden prepared a letter for corporate solicitation which was reviewed by the Board. John will make a few minor changes and email to Cindy Criswell. Cindy will prepare the letters for Ed Franco's signature at the 12/3/06 Open House.

There will be five levels of sponsorship: Red, White, Blue, Silver, and Gold.

A motion was made to approve the corporate/business solicitation program. Motion passed. It was noted that corporations/businesses could specify how their donation would be used. Suggestions were made to set dollar amounts for picnic tables, benches, etc. Mary Franco and Cindy Criswell will research the costs of adding plaques to these items denoting the giver. These could also be used as memorials or honorariums.

I. Stationary

Cindy Criswell prepared seven options for FOLC letterhead. The Board selected letterhead with the FOLC logo on the top center and the address and web site address at the bottom center. The corporate/business solicitations will be sent on the new letterhead.

C. PA Fish & Boat Commission

Mark Mitchell of the PAF&BC emailed several questions to Ed Franco concerning the number of trail heads and kiosks planned, the easement along the trail, locations of benches, picnic tables, kiosks, and a storage shed.

There will be three trail heads and three kiosks. FOLC accepted a 14' total easement (trail plus easement on each side) for the placement of benches, picnic tables, and kiosks. The storage shed will be kept offsite for the present time.

FOLC must wait for DEP approval before bridges across streams can be started. For safety purposes, pending the approval of the PAF&BC trail lease agreement, FOLC will put decking only on the two crossings already in place.

FOLC requested that the lease agreement with the PAF&BC be prepared and signed prior to the next work day on 12/8/06.

D. Rare Plant

Hal Gardner noted that a rare plant, Aromatic Sumac, will be identified and marked along the trail to avoid cutting and trimming in the future.

E. Trail Work Days

Mary Franco noted that FOLC is close to matching the grant labor manhours required. The Tressler group returned for the 11/9/06 work day and worked on the "goat path." Materials were carried in and are ready to go for the next work day in December. We need to place "Do Not Cross" signs or tape on the logs and poles in place since they present a slipping hazard.

Quotes were obtained on the materials lists. The Lumber Yard in Carlisle quoted \$1,443 for materials (low bid).

FOLC will receive 75% of the grant as the first draw, possibly the Monday after Thanksgiving. Mort Fegley has offered to build three kiosks (cedar) over the winter.

The Township will donate posts and labor to install "Caution – Hiker" signs where the trail comes out on the road.

It was decided to purchase trail maintenance equipment to be used for future work days. Peterman's will help in getting a discount from Steihl (possibly 15%) on power equipment if necessary.

Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy (FOLC)

Board of Directors Meeting No. 7

November 16, 2006

The meeting, held at the home of Craig & Isabel Houston, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Franco, President.

In attendance:

Ed Franco
Mary Franco
Steve Fealtman
Hal Gardner
Cheryl Pauli
Wayne DeMoss

Craig Houston
Cindy Criswell
Gary Criswell
Ruben Lao
John Alden

Absent: Craig Boyer
Jan Ruby
Steve Kuhn

A correction was made to the minutes of the October 17, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, General Discussion, A. Fundraising Committee. Revise the third sentence to read as follows:

“If FOLC were to initiate a fundraising campaign especially targeted toward businesses, we might consider offering to fund the Township’s site plan.”

General Discussion

A. Fundraising Committee

Karen Finkenbinder has resigned from the Board of Directors (and the Fundraising Committee). A letter will be sent to Karen expressing the Board’s appreciation for her service. It was noted that the Fundraising Committee is in need of additional members.

B. DEP Permitting

We are still waiting for DCNR clearance of the PNDI search so we can submit to DEP for permits for two bridges. Wayne DeMoss will then walk the application (G-7) through DEP to speed the process.