

Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy (FOLC)

Board of Directors Meeting No. 18

November 7, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Jan Ruby and Ruben Lao, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Franco, President.

In attendance:

Ed Franco
Craig Houston
Hal Gardner
Mary Franco
Ruben Lao

Jan Ruby
Eric Klinedinst
Steve Fealtman
Gary Criswell
Cindy Criswell

Absent: Tim Barrick
Mort Fegley
Allen Shank
Wayne DeMoss

General Discussion

A. Appreciation Plaque

It was suggested that a plaque be ordered for Dennis Dickey (PAF&BC) in appreciation of his efforts in completing the incremental analysis. Steve Fealtman will order the plaque. Ed Franco will prepare a letter to Dennis.

B. Cooperative Agreement

The PAF&BC, Lower Frankford Township, and FOLC signed the 25-year cooperative agreement for the lease of the property surrounding Opossum Lake.

C. URS Report

A copy of the report was received from URS Corporation.

D. Treasurer's Report

Craig Houston reported that there is \$13,217.76 in the M&T account and \$5,349.21 in general funds for a total of \$18,566.97 available for use.

E. Membership Committee

The discussion on Lifetime Memberships continued from last month. It was decided that the Lifetime Membership will be set at \$275 with an option for a Senior Citizen Lifetime Membership of \$150.

Mary Franco reported that Janet Ritter and family will select the location for the plaque for her late husband in the near future.

The small plaques (to be placed on a larger wooden plaque) are on hold for now pending construction of the pavilion. The list of donor memorials will be posted in the kiosks until construction is complete.

Discussion was held concerning the first day of fishing activities for 2008. Cindy Criswell will check with Don Lauver to find out if the lake will be stocked in 2008 prior to the first day of trout season before any activities are planned.

F. Fundraising Committee

There was no report from the Fundraising Committee. A suggestion was made to check with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as a source of possible funding.

G. Projects & Trail Committee

Hal Gardner reported on prairie restoration around the lake. He will be seeding several species of wildflowers in the prairie areas and requested that no mowing be done in these areas. He noted that honeysuckle must be removed and the only way to get it out completely is to cut it out.

Trail relocation along the entry road will be done in the spring. The idea is to relocate the trail closer to the edge of the lake.

Board members were requested to identify areas of the trail that will need work next spring. A work day should be planned prior to the first day of fishing season.

H. Lower Frankford Township Park

A question on whether the Township will be able to charge fees for park/pavilion use was discussed. This will need to be explored with the PAF&BC because of the lease agreement. Craig Houston will have the Township checks into the legalities of park use.

I. Carlisle Garden Club

A donation was received from the Carlisle Garden Club. These funds will be used to enhance wild species along the trail and beautify the areas around the kiosks.

J. Eagle Scout Project

Steve Fealtman reported that there has been no progress on the Eagle Scout project at this time.

K Next Meeting of Board of Directors

The next Board of Directors meetings will be held at the home of Ed & Mary Franco on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The Lower Frankford Township Supervisors will be present – all Board members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Until further notice, Board of Directors meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. All FOLC members are welcome to attend.

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