

FRIENDS OF OPOSSUM LAKE CONSERVANCY (FOLC)

Board of Directors Meeting No. 20

February 6, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Steve and Kim Fealtman, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Franco, President.

In attendance:

Ed Franco
Tim Barrick
Steve Fealtman
Hal Gardner
Mort Fegley

Craig Houston
Cindy Criswell
Ruben Lao
Eric Klinedinst

Guests: Carla Burkett, Central Pennsylvania Conservancy
Steve Kuhn, Carlisle YMCA
Cheryl Pauli
Jay Kraybill
Ann Kraybill

Absent: Gary Criswell
Wayne DeMoss
Jan Ruby
Mary Franco

The minutes from the January 2, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

General Discussion

A. Funding Package Complete!

Ed Franco reported that Senator Pat Vance had received confirmation of the approval of the \$1.5 million state grant, completing the funding package for the repair of the spillway. A ceremony/celebration will be held this Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the main parking lot at the lake. It will be held at the Lower Frankford Township building in case of inclement weather. A light luncheon will be held at Ed and Mary Franco's home following the ceremony. A food sign-up sheet was circulated to Board members present. Ed will attempt to get updated drawings of the spillway design from Gerry Woomer prior to the ceremony.

B. Future Lake Level

Steve Kuhn asked about the final lake level out of concern for the Y's canoe access area. The lake will be permanently lowered approximately 2 feet; however, there will be dredging done at the upper end of the lake when the construction is in progress. The Y's access to the canoe area will be maintained.

C. Project List

An extensive list of future projects was discussed including new/rebuilt steps at the trail's intersection with the bridge at the upper end, clearing brush to move the trail closer to the water along the entrance road section, changing a mile post that was placed backwards, planting 150 trees (white pine, red maple, oak), construction of another bog bridge, placement of stepping stones along the wet portions of the trail and at access to some bridges, and clearing brush and trees below the dam.

The area below the dam must be clear cut for the new drains. In addition, the area for the new outlet structure must be cleared. FOLC and Lower Frankford Township will get a permit to cut deadfall and brush as firewood.

WORK DAYS SCHEDULED:

- Saturday, February 16, 2008
- Sunday, February 17, 2008
- Sunday, February 24, 2008
- Sunday, April 20, 2008

All work days will begin at 9:00 AM at the main parking lot. The February work days will consist of brush clearing and applying herbicide to stumps. Craig Houston will provide Hal Gardner a check to purchase herbicide at Lowe's using the FOLC account.

The 150 trees will be arriving on April 17 and 18, 2008. FOLC will be purchasing 100 of the trees with 50 being donated. FOLC will also need to purchase tree shelters and stakes. The April 20 work day will coincide with Earth Day. A trash pick-up around the lake will also be conducted on that day.

D. Closing Trail to Horse Traffic

A suggestion was made to close the trail to horseback riding during the wetter winter and spring months while the ground is soft and muddy. Some damage was noted to the trail by horseback riders.

E. Eagle Scout Project

Jay Kraybill attended the Board meeting to propose his Eagle Scout project. The Board was able to provide Jay (and his mother, Ann) with several options for a project. He will prepare a proposal report. Steve Fealtman will be the FOLC contact for Jay. The Board welcomes his offer of help and looks forward to working with him.

F. Central Pennsylvania Conservancy

Carla Burkett of the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy based in Carlisle attended the meeting to ascertain whether her group's volunteer base could assist FOLC in projects at the lake. She stated that there may be volunteers available for the February 24th work day as well as the April work day.

Carla requested that FOLC assist the CPC in their efforts to restore/save Waggoner's Gap. Cindy Criswell will include a small article in the next newsletter.

G. Newsletter

It is the Board's desire to get the Winter 2008 FOLC "Possum Watch" newsletter out to members as soon after the celebration this Saturday as possible. Items to be included in the newsletter include:

- Celebration Ceremony at the lake on February 9, 2008
- Will Gabig/mower story and photo
- First Day of Fishing Event on March 29, 2008
- Lifetime Memberships to be stressed
- A reworked membership renewal/enrollment form will be included
- Tree planting and trash pick-up on April 20, 2008 (Earth Day tie-in)
- Additional work days in February
- FOLC Annual Meeting on May 3, 2008
- FOLC 2007 Annual Report to be included in newsletter

H. First Day of Fishing Event

Holding FOLC's second annual First Day of Fishing event at the lake was discussed. The event in 2007 was a big success for FOLC and fishing participants. Cindy Criswell reported that Don Lauver stated that the lake will be stocked with rainbow and trophy-size golden trout in March prior to the opening of trout season. This event will be discussed in more detail at the March Board meeting.

I. Treasurers Report

General Fund: \$5,498.61

M&T Fund: \$35,036.95

Total as of 1/2/08: \$41,135.56

J. Annual Report

Board members and guests received a copy of the 2007 Annual Report. A copy will be mailed/emailed to all members with the next newsletter.

Cindy Criswell will have copies available at the ceremony on February 9th.

K. IRS and State Forms

Craig Houston stated that he will prepare the necessary IRS Form 990 to be filed. The state form for 503 (c) 3 organizations must also be filed.

L. Annual Report

An Annual Report will be prepared to be included with the next newsletter. A suggestion was made to include a membership renewal form when the next newsletter is sent.

M. Resignation

Ed Franco reported that Allen Shank has resigned from the Board of Directors. The Board thanked Allen for his service to FOLC.

N. Next Meeting of the Board of Directors

The March meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the home of Hal Gardner and Cheryl Pauli on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

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