

I. Next Meeting of Board of Directors

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at the home of Ed and Mary Franco. Contact Ed Franco at 243-9863 for directions if necessary.

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

committee. Cindy Criswell will prepare a list for Ed Franco to use for the election process.

Ed Franco will prepare an updated version of the Status Report that was distributed recently.

F. FOLC Brochure and Trail Guide

Jan Ruby shared the updated brochure and reported on costs for printing the FOLC brochure. If an 8.5x11 trifold is printed, costs will be as follows:

500 @ \$540
1000 @ \$691
5000 @ \$971

Costs for the Trail Guide since it is a larger piece (11 x 17) are:

500 @ \$800
1000 @ \$820
5000 @ \$1230

Jan reported that the brochures could be ready for the Annual Meeting. FOLC's Land Partnership grant requires us to spend \$500 on trail maps. In addition, Allen Shank reported that Carlisle Health and Wellness Foundation may pay for printing 5000 brochures. He will contact Carlisle Health and Wellness Foundation concerning the brochure.

The Board of Directors approved printing 5000 brochures if funding is received from Carlisle Health and Wellness Foundation. 1000 should be printed if no funding is received.

G. Fundraising Committee

Allen Shank reported on recent activities of the Fundraising Committee. Chris Fowler should be added to the Fundraising Committee listing. Allen reported that he and members of the committee have approached foundations, industries, and colleges. They will meet again on 4/27/07 to work on foundation applications.

H. Trail Work Day

The next Work Day was scheduled for Saturday, 6/2/07. Ruben Lao will be out of town; Gary Criswell will assume organizational duties. Work will include mile markers on the Anglers Access Trail, informational signage, construction of a shed at the township building, placement of remote benches, and a trash pick-up.

D. Grants

Craig Houston completed the C2P2 grant in record time and should be commended for all his hard work!

Tom Ford asked Cindy Dunn (DCNR) if DCNR could accept a partially completed grant for \$775,000 as a "placeholder". If this grant is received, it will make up the difference for the remainder of the needed funds. PA Fish & Boat Commission will cover the matching funds required for this grant.

FOLC is applying for the grant for \$775,000 to enhance recreational areas at the lake: boat ramp, improve plant species, and enhance attractions of picnic areas.

E. Annual Meeting

The list of VIP's to be invited to the Annual Meeting was discussed. Cindy Criswell will prepare the invitations with the RSVP to her.

Schedule for the Annual Meeting on 5/5/07 is as follows:

8:00 AM Warbler Walk
10:00 AM Presentation by David Miko of the PA F&BC
11:00 AM Children's Activities
12:00 Noon Annual Meeting
Welcome (Ed Franco)
Updated status report (Ed Franco)
Treasurer's Report (Wayne DeMoss)
Volunteers for Committees (Cindy Criswell)
Nominations for Board of Directors (Cindy Criswell)
Election of Board of Directors members
Question/Answer period

Following the meeting, there will be a brief meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors to elect the Executive Committee members. The Board discussed term limits for the officers of the Board and decided on a two-year limit for President. The Past President will serve on the Executive Committee.

1:00 (approximate) Potluck Picnic

Following the picnic, all will be invited to hike the Anglers Access Trail.

The Board agreed that it is necessary to get more members involved in committees. A form will be sent along with the newsletter to all members asking for their nominations for the Board of Directors and willingness to serve on a

B. Funding

Ed Franco reported that Lower Frankford Township will be donating \$10,000 from the \$100,000 already pledged in 2006. This will allow FOLC to pay for the surveying costs (Brehm) and engineering (URS).

Tom Ford and Stephanie Williams met and discussed the match on County funds. Commissioner Rick Rovegno is concerned about the funding committed since FOLC has not raised the entire \$3 million. Ed Franco will prepare a letter and additional information outlining what funding will be spent on surveying and engineering, where funding is presently coming from for dam repair, and how FOLC plans to obtain the remaining funds. Commissioner Rovegno may be able to commit another \$400,000 from the County's Growing Greener II funds. It was noted that Growing Greener funds are for "real" construction only.

When the PA Fish & Boat Commission Board meets next week, it is hoped that they will approve a \$75,000 line item to assist in paying for engineering costs.

Ed Franco discussed the Chloe Dam project and compared it to Opossum Lake in terms of funding. It was notable that, in the end, state dollars totaled approximately 85% of the total cost with 15% being raised privately. It will be important to stress this as FOLC approaches organizations and corporations for donations. Opossum Lake percentages should be approximately the same: 85% public funds/15% private funds.

C. Surveying and Engineering

Brehm Associates will survey the dam in preparation for the installation of piezometers by URS Corporation for monitoring of the dam. This monitoring will require that the lake be filled to full level for six months. There is a push to get all this in place as soon as possible so that the lake will be available for recreational and fishing use over the summer and fall months. FOLC volunteers will be trained to read the piezometers to assist URS and reduce the required fee over the six month period. Eleven piezometers will be placed along the dam breast.

The Board agreed that this was a matter of urgency. Ed Franco will continue to monitor progress of the paperwork. FOLC needs to keep moving forward over the next seven to eight months. We also need to educate the public on why the lake is coming up now.

Dam design and construction will be publicly bid.

Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy (FOLC)

Board of Directors Meeting No. 11

April 11, 2007

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
Mary Franco
Steve Fealtman
Allen Shank
Cheryl Pauli
Craig Houston

Wayne DeMoss
Cindy Criswell
Ruben Lao
Jan Ruby
Hal Gardner

Absent: Gary Criswell
Steve Kuhn
Craig Boyer
Eric Klinedinst

Guests: Tim Barrick

General Discussion

A. Treasurer's Report

Wayne DeMoss reported that there is nearly \$30,000 in the M&T Repair The Dam account. He also reported that memorials have been received in memory of Benjamin Ritter. Mrs. Ritter has mentioned that she would like a plaque on a bench at the lake in memory of her husband.

A discussion ensued on memorials – setting dollar limits for plaques, etc. The Membership Committee will meet and discuss the breakdowns for memorials.

It was noted that businesses should be recognized at the Annual Meeting for their contributions. A list was printed in the Spring 2007 newsletter.

Wayne reported that FOLC will have two separate accounts at M&T Bank. One will be a checking account and one will be for donations of securities. When FOLC's balance reaches \$25,000 in the security account, FOLC will have the ability to write checks for up to \$500.