

FWT Board Meeting- Minutes October 12, 2020

Present: Denise Bilsback, John Boettcher, Bud Gearhart, Hal Harris, Craig Hurlbut, Dennis Kuhn, Norma Platt, Bill Polito, Anna Taylor.

A. Administrative Tasks

1. Approve/Change Agenda, [OK](#)
2. Approve Minutes from August Meeting, [OK](#)
3. Membership Status- Denise Bilsback, [See Report, 210 Members, 3 New Members](#)
4. Review of Treasurer Report- Bill Polito, [See Report](#)
5. Social Media – Anna Taylor, [Facebook 722 followers, Instagram 180 followers](#)
6. Website Inquiry Summary – Norma Platt, [Inquiry regarding Scouts interested in volunteering, Norma responded, we hope to reach out to them in the future when COVID restrictions are lifted.](#)
7. Communications Update- John Boettcher, [finalizing upcoming event dates and the Fall Newsletter is ready to publish](#)
8. Website Updates – Steve Snyder/Anna Taylor, [no update](#)
9. Guest Emily Pettit – Organizer of Fall Scavenger Hunt, PROSAR Committee member, [Emily had a scheduling conflict and was not able to attend. The invitation remains open to her for a future meeting](#)

B. Main Topics

1. Trail Chair Update – Craig Hurlbut
 - [October Trail Work Party: Chiyoda Trail, feedback: Thank you to Denise and Rich Bilsback, and Craig Hurlbut for putting together such a well-organized event. Twelve yards of gravel, provided by the town, were spread along the trail and \(1\) drainage pipe installed. Thank you to all the volunteers who shoveled, raked and carried all the gravel in. Denise and Rich followed up by adding an additional drainage pipe the following week. Great feedback from facebook regarding the trail improvements.](#)
 - [Leaf Blowing Season: reach out to Trail Stewards if you are available to help with leaf blowing](#)
2. Hot Cocoa Hike – Location, format, date – Denise Bilsback and Anna Taylor
 - [Date: Saturday November 7, 2020, 7pm and 9pm](#)
 - [Location: Whiting Road Nature Preserve. The hike will be an approximately 2 mile loop.](#)
 - [Changes this year due to the pandemic: Social distance to be practiced, and participants asked to wear your mask were they cannot remain 6ft apart. There will be no gathering in the woods, participants are to pick up your hot cocoa packet at the end to share with their family and friends at home.](#)
 - [Sign up Genius: Denise to create for event, to get an approx. count of attendees](#)
 - [Hot Cocoa: Anna to coordinate Hot Cocoa packets](#)
 - [Parks and Rec, and neighbors to be updated about the event.](#)
3. Annual Meeting – Proposed Agenda, location, format and guests
 - [Annual Meeting: scheduled for Saturday Nov. 14, 2020 at the Hickory Bark Trail Platform from 3-5pm. \(no meeting on Monday Nov 9th\)](#)

- FWT Constitution update for 2020: to be voted on in meeting. Board Members asked to attend for voting on these items.
 - Additional Agenda Items: Presidents Annual Report- Anna to prepare; Goals for 2020, Anna to circulate a draft list prior to meeting
 - Proposed New Board Position: Education Liason, does not need to be a board position, rather could be an Appointee, with a defined purpose. This Education Appointee could be a liason between FWT and school districts, scout troupes, youth organizationg and home schoolers.
 - Anna to reach out to Carmin Gamina to discuss opportunities and possible connection with Webster schools
 - Appointee role to be defined before moving forward
3. Hojack Trail Updates- John Boettcher
- Hojack Trail between VanAlstyne and Klem: John continues coordinating with Parks and Rec, RG&E and Highway dept. With research John determined this section of the trail is owned by RG&E. FWT proposed repair, provide gravel required to infill (estimated 23 yards, approximate cost of \$1800). Next steps, determine, of involved parties who will purchase the gravel and who will spread the gravel.
4. Wegmans Passport P&R chosen Winner Nov 1- FWT follow up: Anna emailed Chris Bilow for status
5. Scavenger Hunt NPP- Anna Taylor, Dennis Kuhn update:
- Fun event, well attended and great enthusiasm from participants. Dennis and Anna set up FWT display boards and got great interest and inquiries about FWT. Thank you to Emily Pettit and her family for organizing. Emily noted she would like to host a similar event in the future, possibly a winter event, with the proceeds again going to FWT.
6. Waivers from Parks and Rec- Norma
- Norma provided copy of Webster Parks and Rec Volunteer Waiver for review
 - Trail Stewards: This waiver is to be completed by Trail Steward annually, noting the 1 year commitment, submitted to Chris Bilow and Glenn Morrell.
 - Trail Work Parties: this waiver is to be signed by all participants and submitted to Glenn Morrell after each event.
7. Open Board Positions
- Positions to be noted in Fall Newsletter, posted to FB and shared with Parks and Rec. Hoping to get some interest on these great opportunities!
8. Open Discussion
- Buckner Property: Hal to set up a walk of the property in 2-3 weeks
 - Eckler Property: Town lawyers are hiring an assessor to access the property. This property would be an ideal additional to open space given its proximity to Four Mile Creek. FWT will continue to follow up with the Town regarding its status.

Adjourn!