

15 April 2013

Friends of Yellow Creek

Attendance: AJ Kindra, Ken Sherwood, Pat Scanlon, Cindy Rogers, John Sexton, Jessie Sexton, Ken Bisbee, Pat Gates, Mike Schaffer, Vicki Shank

Approval of March Minutes -no changes – motion to approve – all approved

Introductions/ Announcements

Park Manager's Report

Got 7 more new tables in woodland pavilion

They have only one maintenance person right now – working on Bathrooms and Docks , May 4th new hire maintenance full time, also has approval to fill one more position

There was a decision to operate bath house one more year without doing any work on it, We are 14th on the list state wide for funding projects. Ken B met with Don White and he said he would try to help. Other state projects ahead of YC are critical for those parks.

Membership

New or returning members: 2 with 100 donation, rest are 25, 15, and 12.

They get a map if they renewed by 4/15 at 20 level or above – have 9 new members.

Jessie will send an e-mail to pick up their maps.

Cost \$1.00 per envelope to send info for those renewals.

Vicki wants a map to raffle off for the LORBA party. All agreed.

The office will put up a map so the Eagle scouts can note where all the projects have been color coded by troop.

Finance Report

Balance In account 11,773.27

Minus \$500 for firewood, will also need to pay for pea gravel (Brian S.) group voted to reimburse him for that, Motion by AJ, Pat seconded, all approved.

Pat reported that the Nanty Glo Am. Legion gave \$2,000 to FOYC . They have another \$2,000 to give us before Memorial Day. FPYC can use it where ever we want to use it.

Ken B. has bills that he requested reimbursement or payment::

For mulch – FOYC agreed to buy the mulch.

Stone for walkway for \$398.10. Motion - John, Vicki seconded, all in favor.

April 20th – new radio bracket for vehicle – bill for home made device - \$100.00 – Motion to pay – Pat made a motion, seconded – John, all in favor.

May need more mulch – about 100.00 – Motion to get as much mulch is needed by AJ, Vicki seconded – all in favor.

Cycling Report

April 6 was trail day – brought in 4 ton of gravel and put on trails. Re-route of the Daisy's diversion (Simpsons trail) was done. Aaron put up more signage. There will be a LORBA kick off party in J-town 5:30-10:30. Free meal. With a raffle of bikes and other things.

Boating Report

IUP boats launched

Puddle ducks still in storage – maybe out in May

Talked about possible grading and sand in the cove area. Ken S. is looking into IUP funding.

Ken S. contacted a person at Moraine who teaches boating – we may be able to have a course on sailing instruction, designed for people who might want to work at summer camps. There will be a charge to participants – no cost to us. Will need a min of 4 students.

Ken S. asked if FOYC could help with the sunken fiberglass boat? There is a 3 inch hole in the bottom. Ken B and John said they might be able to repair it. Ken B said they would get it out of the water and check it out.

Shore line mooring – usually have a long list. Usually have space on the racks for kayaks and boats..

Racks at the boat rental – one is for rentals We could add racks if there is a demand. Added racks would be at McFeaters cove. Rental of a space would cost \$60 a year.

Old Business

Spring kick off Earth Day Clean up Planning

Mike's report – 1-4:00 on Sunday – 40 people have notified Mike so far – others from the board signed up tonight. Will not be working on the playground, Work will include crushed stone on walk ways, plant trees, mulch around trees at shower house, put up fishing line disposal (John will be making at least 12 more, at each dock, old IUP area, coves, etc). Other projects could include depending on # of people – loading scrap, Cleaning Stake Church area, Little YC teaching area clean up, Pick up sticks in day area and overnight area – a good job for kids, garden at Stake Church, bat box at loop 2, Take down and repair Purple Martin Box, pull invasive species, Shingle or paint non-skid on bridges on little YC trail and Dragonfly Pond trail.

Our group will provide refreshments Bikers are done early so FOYC will buy pizza from Coy's – Vicki will contact Coy's – For the rest of the volunteers: The board (Vicki) will buy small fruit and vegs trays, meat and cheese and cracker. YC. Park will supply water igloos. Ken will bring cups. Food will be at the North shore and Environmental Center.

Membership

- **major donor solicitation - So far one donation:** Whitetail Unlimited is sending \$500.00.
Suggestion: Make sure you put on the address who to mail the donation to and include an envelope. Just ask for a donation. Make is simple – don't ask for levels – just ask.
- **Membership benefits** – what do you get if you are a member? – Knowing you are supporting a good cause, cheap membership, privilege to do good things at the park, recognition in the newsletter, membership cards. (John will make the cards)
- **Newsletter** – Not out yet – Jessie is still waiting for articles on bike races. Could recognize new members in each newsletter.

Septemberfest

Vendors – Ken put out fliers – can get from web site and form is on the web. We have 3 so far. We said we would have 12. – spread the word.

PR – Kens have a meeting with Tourist Brueau to talk about transportation and PR.

New Business

- Pat wondered if we could change the Tuesday of the month if it would be possible so he could attend. Discussion on meeting night – Ken S will be ok on Thursdays. Ken S will send out a note to all of board with possible changes. Thursday nights (not 1st of the month) may be good.
- Pat has another idea – He said CB's can build anything. They can help build at the park. They will donate their time and energy. They will meet with Ken and Mike and Ken S if possible to possibly help build something.
- Vicki suggested a way to save money – there is a lot of wood on the access road – we need to cut it and get a log splitter. It is pine wood – burns fast. We are not making much money on wood sales. We have taken a loss on selling it. Vicki arranged with wood delivery that they are not going to charge for delivery and give us a break on price –about - \$180. Ken said they have been getting from YC Camp ground. We are already on a 2nd cord this year. Kelly's dad might have a log splitter Vicki will check. John will check also.

Next Meeting: to be announced after poll.