

Minutes of Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park
Meeting April 13, 2015

present – Kevin Roberson, Jim Weaver, Sara Whiting, Jan Weaver, Sue Tillema, Scott Schulte
ex office Jim Gast

1. Call to Order 6:39

Super quorum

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda

4. Minutes

5. Reports

a. Park Report– Jim Gast

Bridge project over Little Bonne Femme is complete. Put rip rap along banks to prevent further erosion. Adam S. finished orienteering project for Eagle Scout project. 8th graders from all over area are coming to park to use markers. Connor's cave opened for season. Pink planarian count on Saturday in Devil's Icebox cave. Still have gravel floor in Hickman cabin. Flowers were planted in area. Still waiting to hear from Clifford Wagner for proposals for updates on cabin.

b. SOS Committee

Jon Frost knows that his septic flows right into sinkhole on the property he just bought. He has to wait for dry weather to fix his system. Impossible to go on private property and test wells without proper reason. There are 3200 sinkholes in park. In 1990's neighbor had circumvented sewage septic system and was going directly into park. Want to test sinkholes in park unless next to private property. Park office on city sewage link. Some sinkholes may be contaminated because of road. Devils Icebox recipient of all sinkholes. Places in cave were once called stinky cave, but now actually less contaminated. What are standards governing waste water treatment? Engineer should decide, but made wrong choices so need to be informed of what regulations are. Could potentially use dyed water to trace polluters.

e. Neighborhood party

Last Saturday in June (27th). Educational party about karst and water quality. All neighbors to park are invited. And friends of rock bridge. Presentation on karst with food. Good neighbor pledge. FoRB will be sponsor. Watch bats fly out of cave.

d. Financials

Jan sent report last week. Bought checks. Will reorganize budget presentation after 990 EZ.

6. Old Business

Rock bridge renew was a great success. Pulled lots of weeds, lots of fence removed. 32 participants.

7. New Business

Someone wants to come give talk on Nature Detectives. Will schedule for May.

990: support schedule that we are publicly supported organization. Jan handed out form for us to review how taxes are filed.

Earth day is Sunday at Peace Park, FoRB will have booth. Noon-2, 2-4, and 4-6.

Kevin has been president for 3 years, he doesn't feel overly burdened and wants to know if time for change. We agree that he should stay.

Sara has been nominated to be secretary. Movement passed.

Kevin is going to set up Twitter. Movement passed.

8. Adjournment