

Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park

Minutes

Board Meeting - October 10, 2016

Location: Park Office Meeting Room

Present

Board members: Kevin Roberson, Jan Weaver, Lynn Hooper, Sue Tillema, Sara Whiting

Ex Officio member: Sarah Jones, Park Superintendent

Quorum is present.

Call to order 6:33 PM

Agenda approved with minor changes.

Reports

Park Report –Sarah Jones

Trip into cave (not open to public) was on Oct 1. 4 pink planarians were found. More sediment was observed in stream which could have effected population. Thousands of gray bats were observed, but only a few endangered bats. A few bats with white nose syndrome were brought out for treatment. 13 people entered cave (some pink planarian biologists, a few bat biologists, few park employees, and two Boone county fire fighters). Next trip into cave is in December to observe bats.

Booth at the Hartsburg pumpkin festival went very well. Answered questions that people had. Had flyers out about voting on tax in November.

Rock Bridge Revenge was this past weekend. About 150 participants, over 100 doing 25K. Group did a ton of trail maintenance in preparation for race.

Park has decided on what they want to do to floor of Hickam cabin. Wood floor. Jan will coordinate effort.

Treasurer's Report

Report approved unanimously. Biggest news is FoRB's contribution of \$1000 to support promotion of prop 1 (renewal of sales tax to support park/soil water conservation).

Old Business

Rock bridge renew will be on Oct 22. FoRB just needs to make sure food will be available. 11 master naturalists will be attending. Stream team volunteers will help lead the clean up/bioblitz. MU Professor providing extra credit for college volunteers. At least 50 people will be helping.

Water quality monitoring in park, may add site below cave once a month (monitoring for inverts and water chemistry).

New Business

Jan has requested a topographical map that we could use in meeting room. Lynn will check on getting one from county.

Park trail signage project is now about halfway complete. Grassland trail is done and waiting on new blazes to finish other trails. In Gans area will see either blue or red reflective tape on brown blazes on outer trail and with white reflective tape on brown blazes in inner trail. Sarah working on emergency marking or points of interest to place markers. Goal is to put a number on every bridge and markers every quarter mile. Lots of positive feedback from trail users.

A neighbor has requested a good neighbor sign. Jan may print several and store in shed at park office.

December 2- Save the date- Volunteer appreciation meet and greet. 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Some food will be provided.

Adjourn

Sara made the motion, seconded by Sue. Motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the board will be on Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:30 pm at the park office meeting room.