

Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park

Minutes

Board Meeting - July 11, 2016

Location: Park Office Meeting Room

- **Present**
- Board members: Kevin Roberson, Lynne Hooper, Sue Tillema, Scott Schulte
- Ex Officio member: Sarah Jones, Park Superintendent
- Quorum is present.
- Call to order 6:45 PM
- Agenda approved without modification.
- **June 13, 2016, Minutes**, reviewed and approved with modification, by adding Sue Tillema as present.
 - Scott made the motion, seconded by Sue. Motion was approved unanimously.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** No issues, but discussion/approval tabled for next meeting.
- **Park Report – Sarah Jones**
 - The Katy ride went well, despite the hot weather.
 - Sarah has been directed by her supervisors to bring the “Men’s picnic” into compliance with the division’s policy regarding events in a park.
 - Park is experiencing large response to the new Park Passport program, requiring full time volunteers to man the office, in order to allow staff to do their regular duties.
 - Park attendance is way up. Year to year (July), Jewell Cemetery up 48%, RBMSP up 52%.
 - Program attendance has been very good. With both the Boardwalk Tours and Bat Emergence programs getting good response.
 - RBMSP is hosting the Annual Meet & Greet, Saturday, July 16, 9 am to noon, at the DI parking lot.
 - A tram has been procured for the Katy Trail and there will be rides for the public every Tuesday in September.
 - Devotees of Pokemon Go have been inundating the park. Sarah was directed to install the app on her phone and see where they are going in the park. DSP is concerned about what impact this will have, but is adopting a wait and see attitude until they have more information.

Old Business

- It was decided to hold the Rock Bridge Fall Renew event on Saturday, October 22. The event will have two components. A water quality sampling from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, followed by a semi-annual clean up until noon. It was decided to not plan for food/ refreshments at this time. Lynne made the motion, seconded by Sue. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Dogs off leash update. Sarah reports that she and the rangers are stepping up interactions with offenders. They are trying a positive, informational approach

New Business

- Kevin intends to represent FoRB at the Third Annual CFM Affiliates Summit on Friday, August 19 in Springfield.
- Sarah mentioned that she is planning to have some type of recognition program for the volunteers. There was a positive response from the board. Something we will discuss supporting.
- Kevin, having attended the “Men’s Picnic” immediately prior to the meeting, provided the FoRB board with feedback from the group. They are upset with having to provide insurance and register the event with the park. The board agreed that there should not be any exceptions to the park’s policy, but recognized the group’s reluctance to comply.

Adjourn

- Scott made the motion, seconded by Sue. Motion was approved unanimously.
- The next meeting of the board will be on August 8, 2016, 6:30 pm at the park office meeting room