

Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting
October 09, 2017, Location: Park Office Meeting Room

Present

- Board members: Kevin Roberson, Jan Weaver, Sara Whiting, Lynne Hooper, Scott Schulte, Jim Gast
- Ex Officio member: Sarah Jones
- Quorum is present.
- Call to order 6:06 PM
- Sept meeting minutes will be provided at the next meeting. August meeting minutes have been lost and will not be recovered.

Reports

Park Report –Sarah Jones

- Final cave trip of year was Sunday, October 8th. Trip was for training purposes (firefighters, first responders, and researchers/volunteers). Lynne reported on *E.coli* levels on waters (7 samples) in the cave: levels were negligible. Park is in need of new canoes for the cave trips.
- McTurnan property is under contract-current plan is to build 45 houses, 2.5 acres per house, on the clear creek. Property will not connect to the city so will have its own sewage system. Jan has suggested forming a sub-committee on how we should respond to their proposal.
- What was history of cell towers in park? They wanted to put one at Pierpont, it was stopped; wanted to put one in park office parking lot and it was stopped. There is one on Route N. The county wants to put up an emergency tower. Wants to be put up near maintenance shed which is highest area in the park. A request has been submitted to add tower to park, but has not made its way to Sarah yet.

Treasurer's Report

- Jan wrote a check to Wagner for \$550 for the work he did in 2014. It was sent in the mail with a letter.
- Just paid \$2198 in event insurance. Almost \$3 per person per day per event.
- Jan moves that we order 250 cups for \$150 for party. Lynne seconded and the motion was approved.
- Meredith has provided an invoice for her labor over the summer for nature detectives and UPOP. It was about \$4500. Since we received \$3000 from the State Parks and \$1600 from the optimist club, the cost was completely covered. There were 510 participants in UPOP, 225 in nature detectives.

Old Business

50th Anniversary

- November 4th, 2017 for party.
- Working out details with Roxie. Sara W. will be media contact. Sara will be on the Paul Pepper show tomorrow promoting the party and it will air on 91.3 on Tuesday, October 30th at 8:50 am.
- Contact Scott about power in shelter, 15 amp circuit. Power may last for about 2 hours , maybe 3 hours if sunny.

Park Bench for Rock Bridge Founders

- Sarah will email bench request form to Jan so that this can be started and we may have a bench in time for the party. We will put all 13 names on the bench.

Rock bridge Renew

- Saturday October 28th co-sponsored by Park. Flyer will be posted on state park website after approval.

Water research

- Lynne now has a research permit for sampling water in the park. She is primarily sampling for *E.coli* and is now required to report results to the Missouri state parks system. She will continue with source tracking by having DNA analysis done on water to see if the *E.coli* is human or livestock based. The cave will be sampled two times a year.

New Business

- Be thinking about resolutions for CFM.

The next meeting of the board will be November 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.