

April 9, 2018 minutes – Friends of Rock Bridge Board meeting (as amended at May 14, 2018 Board meeting)

In attendance: Jan Weaver, Scott Schulte, Jim Gast, Lynne Hooper, Sue Tillema

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

NOTE

Email vote April 3, 2018

ForB – Motion to Hire Mike Gerard to do cabin floor

moved – Jim Gast

seconded – Jan Weaver

Yes – Lynne Hooper, Jim Gast, Jan Weaver, Kevin Roberson

The February minutes were approved as amended, noting that Sara Whiting was not in attendance. Also, the spelling of February was amended in the document.

The March minutes were approved.

Park Report from Sarah Jones:

- There will be a Missouri Parks Association member meetup on April 28th
- Finger Lakes State Park did not approve Scott Schulte's drone application
- Recently two controlled burns were conducted on the Rock Bridge Memorial State Park property in the grassland east and the wildland prairie remnant – there is still a log burning and Sarah responded to a citizen complaint about that
- There were 12 volunteers for the honeysuckle hack!
- The stream monitoring blitz took place on March 31st – even with a low volunteer turnout 5 of the 6 monitoring sites were surveyed and the 6th will be soon
- Sarah will submit pictures of the burns with captions for The Bridge
- The frog and toad survey went well – Roxie can supply the numbers
- Weekly wildflower walks are happening
- Roxie coordinated the butterfly survey and woodcock survey training has been conducted
- The Handyhost arrived – they are cleaning up Jewell Cemetery and information depots on the Katy trail
- A kiddie cushion is coming for the surface of the playground
- Roxie has been doing a lot of invasive species work – Sarah mentioned the Callery pear event sponsored by the Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force will be held on April 13th
- The park has hired two new seasonals – Rachel and Lauren – Sarah is looking to hire three more employees for summer work
- Clark's Hill volunteer day has been moved to the 28th of April

- Sarah is still trying to hire Richard White to help with replacing the boardwalk – he will work on the flat areas and has special expertise for supervising the platforms and stairs
- The Hog's Graveyard gate still needs to be pulled and replaced
- There is not a park ranger at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park at the moment – rangers have been filling in until the new recruit graduates from the academy
- The Rock Bridge Renew event will be held on April 14th, with a public meeting afterward – Ben Ellis the State Parks Director is coming for the meeting

Treasurer's Report

- We are in good shape – Sue Tillema found one mistake that will be amended and the report will be attached to the minutes of this meeting
- \$6,800 is available after the year's expenses are covered
- Membership and donation money has come in
- FoRB is going to reimburse Jan Weaver for \$178 for a credit card charge this month for the insurance premium
- New insurance is going to be less expensive this year
- The Board should consider covering Meredith's membership to the Optimists, as Optimists may cover event insurance if Meredith is a member
- Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report

Cabin Floor

- Jan is trying to get ahold of Mike Gerard to do the cabin floor

Rock Bridge Renew

- Jan will be there at 7:30 a.m. to set up – she will bring Friends of Rock Bridge information

New Business – membership recruitment and retention discussion

- Do we want to give free FoRB memberships to people who volunteer 20 hours per week?
- Discussion about membership recruitment / offering experiences to park advocates
- We need FoRB signs at events
- Members of FoRB should be recognized for contributions
- Maybe information should be shared with members about what a friends group is
- Should there be shirts for FoRB members at events?
- Perhaps the FoRB could sponsor some kind of a monthly event for families
 - o Sponsor a monthly hike?
 - o Orienteering / geocaching?
- We need to do more research on how to integrate park volunteers and FoRB

New Business – board recruitment

- Each Board member should be prepared to ask a new prospective Board member to join

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.