

June 11, 2018 minutes – Friends of Rock Bridge Board meeting

In attendance: Jan Weaver, Jim Gast, Kevin Roberson, Scott Schulte, Lynne Hooper

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. We had a quorum of Board members. The May 14, 2018 minutes were approved.

New from the Park from Sarah Jones

- Two new trucks are available for the Katy Trail folks – one has the capacity to haul more people
- The new employee for Katy Trail is working out well
- Sarah is trying to get a construction crew to work on the boardwalk
- A proposal for a water hydrant with greater capacity for fire-fighting in the Park is being considered by the Central Office
- Stewardship employees do not have to work if it gets too hot – stewardship activities are called off if it is 98° or there is a heat index of 105°
- The team leader for the seasonal employees (Will) is leaving – Anthony will be trying to pick up the slack
- Sarah reported over 5,000 program attendees for the Spring programs
- Weekends on the Boardwalk will be offered on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month this summer – if seasonal employees work WOB, stewardship hours will be cut back
- There was a trail work day June 10th starting at 6 a.m. – 12 volunteers worked on trying to rehabilitate the water bars on the Springbrook Trail – 3 people are signed up for the next trail day on June 24th – Jan suggested that Sarah get pictures / names next time for a newsletter feature
- The Park has been hosting a Seaman stuffed animal (based upon Seaman from the Lewis and Clark Expedition) – folks have been taking pictures with him
- MoDOT will be widening 163 this summer to provide shoulder for hikers and cyclists – there is a concern that the wider the road the faster people will go
- The Park will not have a new ranger until October

Treasurer's Report

- Jan received \$120.00 back from the deposit paid to Sentinel for the purchase of the lumber for the cabin floor – the floor was finished for approximate \$3,000 – the entire cabin project cost between \$27,000 and \$30,000
- The next step for the cabin will be an informational board showing the history of the cabin and a thank you to the donors – less than 250 words would cost approximately \$400 – the board will include pictures of the cabin when it was run down
- FoRB has approximately \$9,000 in available funds
- Jan will check on whether Board members of CFM Affiliates receive the magazine
- A check was sent in to CoMo Gives for the \$350 sign-up fee.
- On Motion made and carried, the Treasurer's Report was approved

Old Business

- The house was hauled away from the McTurnan property – the developer is still working with the City of Columbia on the terms of the annexation agreement – a question came up as to whether there will be a bridge installed across Clear Creek
- Water quality monitoring – Lynne presented a table showing the results of the 2017 water quality monitoring for *E. coli* in the Devil's Icebox Spring Branch – due to several new developments in the watershed, Lynne will not be preparing a report just yet – there will be an annual report prepared for the entire watershed project in October of 2018 after the end of the water year on September 30, 2018, and the *E. coli* data gathered for FoRB will be included in that report
- Lynne updated the group on the results from the Microbial Source Tracking analysis done in the watershed – there was very little human DNA coming out of the DI Spring Branch but higher amounts of ruminant (deer and/or cow) DNA – testing will continue – a question came up as to whether a test could be developed for bat DNA

New Business

- There was some discussion of a possible new Board member
- NEEF Capacity Building Grant – Jan brought some materials about the grant for the Board to review – FoRB needs to work on connecting with people using the park – if we used grant funds for strategic planning, there would be public meetings to get input
- The deadline for submitting the NEEF grant application is after the next meeting – Jan will keep working on it and bring a completed proposal to the next meeting – Sarah would need to submit a letter of support from the Park
- Board giving – FoRB needs to put something together with CoMo Gives – this would help with the effort to get the FoRB brand out there
- Sponsor development – FoRB would need a good message to approach groups that use the Park – Walt's Bike Shop was presented as an example of a local business that could maybe sponsor a trail work day in the Park – Jan and Jim will work to develop this idea further

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.