

Meeting Minutes  
Friends of Rock Bridge  
June 10, 2019

Present: Kevin Roberson, Jan Weaver, Mark Hahn, Scott Schulte and Jim Gast. Sarah Jones, park superintendent, represented the park.

After discussing the effects of flooding on the Katy Trail, the meeting was called to order by President Kevin Roberson at 6:15 PM. A quorum was established and the agenda was approved. Jim recorded the minutes in Lynne's absence.

The May meeting minutes were not available so there was no vote to approve them.

News from the park (reported by Sarah). The park is at a full stewardship crew and the last seasonal was hired. The In2Action race had 50 participants. Organizers conducted trail maintenance before the race. Six trailhead signs were stolen. The rangers said they would start writing tickets to visitors whose dogs are off-leash. Jim asked if the ham radio group still has their 36-hour field day at the park. Sarah replied they do.

Jan explained the treasurer's report. Jim motioned and Jan seconded that it be approved. The motion carried.

Mud is still flowing into Clear Creek from the McTurnan property development. Jan will draft a new letter to the county and Kevin will take photos. We discussed going to a commission meeting to express our views.

Discussed how to get new members. Two ideas were to recruit at Rock Bridge Renewal and increase our Facebook postings. We had over 100 fifteen years ago; now we have over 50. Kevin might write something for his next President's column.

Kevin reported that there is a lot of dirt work going on at Discovery Ridge—east of Highway 63. Dirt is going into Gans Creek. This issue led to the discussion about the need to have maps of the park and the area. Mark H and Jan will investigate. Also, Jan will talk with Sarah about getting public access WiFi at the park.

Kevin solicited ideas for CFM resolutions. Ideas included water quality, invasive plants, dogs, development around parks and the effects of climate change on natural resources.

Kevin brought up that Columbia Public Schools (CPS) and the Department of Conservation (MDC) have an agreement for a nature school. The location has not yet been announced although MDC recently acquired around 200 acres adjacent to Three Creeks. MDC will build a building a CPS will pay rent.

Scott brought up membership meetings as a way to get members engaged in FoRB. One idea is to have joint membership meetings with other organizations such as a Columbia Audubon and the Native Plant Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Gast