

February 2017 FF BCH Meeting
2/15/2017
Angelotti's

Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM

Guests:

John and Sue O'Banion, Judy Beissel, Patti Ratan, Caryn and Ed Dietrich, Gail Wyman, Robert English, Carolyn North, Fred Gondal, Cindy and Gary Cyphers.

Note: Lillian Baner is responsible for many of the guests who stay with her and then end up buying properties in our area.

We are trying out the new PA system and most people like it so we will keep it.

A motion to approve January minutes by Sally Ann Hardy, 2nd by Barb Porch and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds: Motion to approve by Larry Fowler, 2nd by Karen Rossman and group approved.

Discussion about reviving the old well pump located close to FR 13 and 14 where the cement water tank is. Estimated costs for feasibility is \$200-300 and then another \$1000-1200 if it is feasible. FF BCH will maintain it and label it non-potable. Trina Romeo thought that there is no need for water source at this location and that people tend to plan their rides around existing water sources. Someone else commented that new people have trouble finding water. Lillian Baner stated that none of her guests have complained about not having water. Janet Day stated that your horse can get communicable diseases from drinking from a common water trough and that is why she carries her own collapsible bucket to water her horse. Karen Rossman thought people could plan their route where water is. It was felt that the pump would be safe from vandalism at this location. The one at Perriman's has been there for 30 years with no problems. It took a long time to even get forestry to approve this, They have concerns about liability. For visitors there is no place to get water and traffic in that area is moderate. There is a new water trough at Holder mine. There was a call for show of hands as to whether or not to proceed with this project. The vote was 24 yes and 9 no.

Elections will be held at the March meeting. The incumbents have agreed to serve another 2 year term. They are Vice President-Fred Fulcher, Secretary-Becky Fulcher, Director-Tom Allen and Director-Calvin McDavid. Any other nominations are welcome and you must be a current member to vote.

Tillis Hill camping reservations are going on-line on March 22.

Amsler's is hosting a chain saw training class. This is an educational class and not a certification class. You can use a pole saw without certification.

Forestry is asking for help cleaning up Hog Island after a tree harvest. February 20.

There was some discussion about having a for sale section in newsletter, FB page or web site. There are many venues available for used tack and horse related items. Not enough interest to pursue.

We are currently out of Tee shirts and we must have 25 to get best price. So pre order – sign up sheet available \$16 for S-1XL and 2XL are \$18.50.

Trail Maintenance: Calvin and Sally have been cutting up deadfall along with Gary Reynolds and Fred Fulcher. Charlie Moore has adopted Turkey Oak trail and has been working with Gary Cyphers and John O'Banion and Barb Bellamy has adopted the Orange trail.

On our last paint day we had 19 people and covered 21 miles of trail. Ed Dietrich stepped in at the last minute when someone else cancelled. Pictures are up on the website. Barb Bellamy got the Turkey Award for tripping and spilling her paint.

We are going to have another paint day on Feb 28. Intersections on the trail are marked with double blue rings and a single confidence ring within eyesight. If a trail crosses another trail there will be a ring before and after. Forest Roads are marked with brown signs with numbers. The forest roads are laid out in a grid with odd #'s for North and South and even #'s east and west. You need to know where you are in case you need help. Red rings are to indicate special use vehicles for handicap hunter access. Please everyone, stay off the hiking trails.

Forestry hosted a volunteer appreciation day on Feb 11. FF BCH was recognized with a certificate for 2000+ volunteer hours and we got a nice plaque (Happy Trails Award) for 2015-16 Gary, Larry, Calvin, Fred and Sally built the stalls in the new horse barn and we had 2 trash pick up days and Fred, Gary and Calvin did lots of chin saw work in the forest. Sid did a slide show of the history of the forest and there will be a link in the newsletter so you can see her slide show presentation.

There was some dialog regarding the buffet we had this evening. A suggestion of pulling the tables out so we can go down both sides, putting more pizzas out initially and maybe more toppings. Other than that most seemed to like the buffet.

50/50 \$109 won by Calvin McDavid

There were many door prizes drawn from the ticket bucket.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM