

SCTA REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Spruce Creek Trails Association was called to order at 9:05 AM on Wednesday February 19, 2020 by President Laurie LeRoy. The meeting was held at the LeRoy Residence. Present were Laurie LeRoy, Samantha Perry, April & Daniel Johnson, Becky Osmun, Lloyd Hayes, Linder Powell. Craig Fletcher joined by conference call. Absent: Sue Bertch.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Laurie LeRoy - Meeting Minutes from January 20 meeting

Meeting minutes not completed. Laurie will do both Jan. and Feb. to distribute for review.

Laurie LeRoy - Membership Status

Memberships to date for 2020 =39 (57 names)

Treasurer's Report

Current balance: \$1,919.48 including checks received today

Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by those present. (8/0)

Confirmation of e-mail and other Votes for Minutes

02-17-2019: Approved \$375 invoice for repair to NPS monument from 2012 via e-mail vote

9 YES votes: Becky, April, Daniel, Laurie, Sue, Linder, Samantha, Lloyd, Craig

02-09-2019: Approved up to \$1,000 in legal fees if necessary

9 YES votes: Becky, April, Daniel, Laurie, Sue, Linder, Samantha, Lloyd, Craig

A special meeting was held 02-09-2019 to address steps necessary to preserve our entrances to the BSF. A communication to highlight public access requirements from the Park, as well as compliance for our 501 C 4 tax exempt status were discussed.

Becky Osmun - Welcome committee

Becky, Karen Forseth and Darlene Blair delivered 3 packets to new residents: Kenneth Tully, James Keily, Mark Platter and dropped off 2 more for Mary Kaufman and Rick Chapman. 4 out of the 5 have already turned in their membership applications! Definitely, this is an effective way to reach out to our new neighbors. They also attempted deliveries to 5 other residents who were not available. Becky will add the "Why are Spruce Creek Trails open to the public" document to the Welcome Packages.

Becky Osmun - Thank You Notes

Up to date

Sue Bertch - Web Site and Google Cloud Location

Sue has added the Charter, Mission Statement, and Founding Fathers Letter out on the website.

Sue hopes to make improvements to the website layout when she returns in March. She has limited internet availability at her campsite. April is going to try to digitize all of the past board meeting minutes so that we could do key word searches.

Sue Bertch - Trail Map Updates

No Changes

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April Johnson – Correspondence E-Blasts

April will send out the approved “Why are Spruce Creek Trails open to the Public” document as an e-blast next week. She will also send out another reminder for memberships.

April Johnson - Face Book Page

April will post the “Why are Spruce Creek Trails open to the Public” document in smaller pieces, including separate posts for the History section, and 501 C 4 Tax Exemption requirements.

Daniel Johnson - Trail Maintenance Report

Initial feedback indicates no major damage from the recent heavy rains here in East TN. The two years of work to improve drainage, install culverts and regrade our trails has made the difference. We are so thankful. Trail Maintenance Log with January updates ready for website. (attached) Laurie will send to Sue.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Gordon Martin and Don Guy

The normal business of the meeting was suspended due to the arrival of special guests: Gordon Martin of Allardt Land Co., and Don Guy of Allardt Real Estate Association. They shared with us the March 4, 2020 opening of their new Real Estate brokerage office, which will handle resales as well as development lots.

We looked at the plat map for their new section on the west side of the Spruce Creek Drive extension. There are 7 lots, with a 10 foot horse trail shown running along the road for the entire section. These new lots will be considered part of Spruce Creek. This section ends approximately .2 miles before the Proctor Ridge entrance to the BSF. Mr. Martin believes that the wording in the deed for the land swap will ensure continued public access through the Rains properties to the Park. He indicated that we should contact him if there is a problem. They are still working on the deed restrictions, which he does not see as being extensive. He said they always put in a restriction to the effect of “no ATV’s or other vehicles on trails, except for emergencies and maintenance”.

We provided several “Welcome Packages” for their potential customers. They do not have plans to develop Vannie Cravens field in the near future. (78 acres at the end of Indian Rocks Trail) We look forward to welcoming our new neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Evergreen/Kunkel Lease - No word.

Developer News: South Fork Properties/Allardt Land Co - Clearing of several building lots continues with big equipment off of the extension of Spruce Creek Drive. Due to heavy rains, work is progressing slowly.

Procedures & Policies

Approved all the proposed policies by unanimous vote of those present: (8/0):

Administration and Meetings

Communications

Financial/Records

Pavilion Use and Recognition Board

Trail Use (Revision) added section to not allow equine drawn carts/wagons

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April will put them out as an e-blast. Sue will put them out on the website.

New Board Member kit - final draft in progress

2020 Membership Drive: Membership Drive letter created by Laurie was approved by unanimous vote of those present and Sue who voted via e-mail. (9/0) Becky and Tracey Hatcher volunteered to help address/deliver to those who have not signed up by March.

Phase 16 possible new trail: The group suggested that we ask South Fork Properties if they would consider deeding the 1,200 foot section of Spruce Creek Trail that runs from Taft Story to the Helm's second lot to the SCTA. The SCTA was given deeds for the trail on both sides of this land locked piece of trail which is our connection to the Cumberland Trail Head. This would ensure on-going public access as required to retain our entrances to the Park trails, making a new route unnecessary. Laurie will send an e-mail.

If this request is not agreed, Joyce Cowgur has offered to allow us to put in a trail across her 2.10 lot to connect our Spruce Creek Trail to Taft Story Road. This will be a 10 year agreement. Laurie will mark up a copy of the Sloan License Agreement to take to a lawyer. **A motion was made and seconded to approve \$500 for the creation/registration of the Agreement and to approve \$500 for a survey to ensure proper placement of the trail. Unanimous approval for both by those present. (8/0)** April and Sam will work on finding a surveyor. Danny Hatcher will provide the heavy equipment to cut the new trail as a donation. Daniel has volunteered his time to complete the work. (THANKS GUYS!) We will still need to provide funding for fuel, trail signs, materials which may be needed such as culverts, rock, geo-cloth. April will put out an announcement on the Face Book Page.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund Raiser Suggestion: April and Samantha volunteered to look into selling SCTA Tee Shirts/Sweatshirts as a fund raiser. If possible, it would be great to have them available for the April 18th Yard Sale. Laurie will provide vendor information from prior orders.

Offer of Help to Ridge Top Trail Association: Agreed to offer to arrange a work day to help the RTTA with trail repairs since many of our folks use their trails. They have some significant damage due to the recent rains. Laurie will send an e-mail to their president, Dan Lovse.

Annual meeting with BSF: Due to the serious flooding problems experienced by the Park, Niki Nicolas asked if we could hold off for a few weeks. Laurie will follow up in March. Laurie sent a "Thank You" e-mail to the Superintendent to thank her staff for the many extra hours required to deal with road washouts, landslides, and other devastation over the past few months.

Request from Fentress Rescue Squad: Becky summarized a request from the Fentress County Rescue Squad for our help in identifying a new helicopter landing spot in/around Spruce Creek. Various locations were discussed, but none met the requirements for level ground, clear of trees and wires. We will keep looking.

Motion was made and seconded adjourn (8/0) at 11:30 pm.