

SCTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the SCTA was called to order at 6:07 pm on September 19, 2023, by President Samantha Perry. Board members present (9): Samantha Perry, Cindy Stedman, Karen Wappelhorst, Laurie LeRoy, Daniel Johnson, Robin Vose, Terry Stedman, Monica Quarmby, Jim Kiely.

(2) Guests: Theresa Reynolds (Chair: Trail Maintenance Committee)
Kathy Brown (Chair: Welcoming Committee)

(31) Others in attendance: Mike Riley, Michelle Riley, George Proulx, Joan Proulx, Linda Beck, Cary Simpson, Greg Simpson, Raquel Nichols, Sarah Hartzell, Sue Bertch, Marilyn Spoon, Arlen Clevenger, Rick Chapman, Kathy Chapman, Dorothy Fritz, Marcy Norwood, Mike Norwood, Sammy Kiely, Jennifer Davidson, Julie DeVos, Wayne Stansell, Kathy Brown, Brenda Goett, Len Jones, Judy Jones, David Hupp, Joyce Hupp, Nancy Brown, Shelly Wiley, Ed Wiley, Anita McDaniel

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

August Meeting Minutes

The August 15, 2023 minutes were emailed to board members prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. (9)-YES (unanimous) The minutes will be forwarded to be posted on our website.

LAURIE - MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of September 19, 2023, there were no changes to the membership list: remains at 323 members of which 135 are new memberships for 2023.

KAREN - TREASURER REPORT

Bank Account Balance = \$22,090.96 (as of 8/31/2023 statement)

INCOME: \$20.00

Donations (Unrestricted) \$20

EXPENSES: \$2,774.51

Utilities: \$91.79

Copies: Newsletter: \$18.00

Postage: (attorney pkg,/welcome pkgs) \$22.20

Fuel: Daniel trail clearing: \$100.00

Gravel: 7 loads since early in the year: \$2,275.00

New map copies: \$75.00

Tools (2 loppers): \$67.89

Signs-lumber: \$79.43

Signs-tools -router bit: \$45.20

Trails Expenses (sub total: \$2,642.52)

\$20 donation was from a campground guest

\$25 Gift Certificates remaining = 4

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SAMANTHA-FACEBOOK REPORT

Currently have 990 members. The admins. continue to review/approve all posts for appropriate subject and content.

LAURIE – MAPS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Jay Light and Rick Chapman continue to work on refurbishing the brown/wooden trail signs. (originally created by Dave Duchon). Ten replacement signs were installed, as well as several new locations for posts/signs identified.

LAURIE: BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The first meeting will be held September 21st, with additional meetings scheduled on Oct. 5th, and Oct. 19th. The committee has good distribution across SCTA membership classes:

Class A is 70% of the membership 75% of the committee

1-Laurie LeRoy

1-Chris Davidson

1-Marcy Norwood

1-Karen Whitehead

.5 Karen Wappelhorst (is both a property owner and business owner)

4.5

Class C is 24% of the membership 17% of the committee

1-Sam Gerhardt

Classes B & D are 5% of the membership 8% of the committee

.5 Karen Wappelhorst (is both a property owner and business owner)

6 members

KATHY BROWN - WELCOME COMMITTEE

Kathy reported that the committee will be meeting at her house on Monday at 9:00am. They will be stuffing the folders and discussing distribution. Laurie offered to show Kathy how to use the TN Tax Data Base to identify new property sales. Kathy will work with Sue Bertch (our webmaster) to create a “new member” tab and provide some other update suggestions.

THERESA REYNOLDS – MEMBER VOLUNTEER TRAIL WORK COMMITTEE

The board approved the September Trail Maintenance log for update to the website. Theresa provided a new 6” X 6” prototype of the trail arrow signs which were very nice and approved by the entire board. Theresa indicated that the cost would be \$.46 each for the materials. She did not know how many would be needed in total, but indicated that they would start with the “Spruce Creek Loop” trail. The committee hopes to finish up the Hupp repair and Wild Cat Trail with Crusher Run in the next few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

SAMANTHA-ADOPT-A-TRAIL WITH BSF FOR PROCTOR RIDGE: JOINT PROJECT

The Park is still working on revising the joint project manual. Waiting for word from Effie Houston.

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SAMANTHA-ADOPT A HIGHWAY FOR 297

Still pending response from the state for final approval and paperwork.

YARD SALE for September 30, 2023

Samantha reported that she had received reservations for 9 tables and 7 addresses. Laurie has posted the flyer at local campgrounds and businesses. We will have an ad in the Fentress Times (cost of \$24), and announcements made over radio station WCLC (free), as well as several Facebook page postings. As many of the board members will be on vacation, we still need volunteers to help with setting up and working the pavilion for the actual event.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONFIRMATION OF E-MAIL VOTES FOR MINUTES

8/24/2023 Approval \$2,000 trail clearing/Garden King project, plus \$350 rock for Proctor Ridge (9) YES-unanimous

8/31/2023 Approval \$350 1 load crusher run for Willie Lee Trail (9) YES unanimous

8/31/2023 Approval \$350 1 load crusher run for Hupp (9) YES unanimous

9/01/2023 Approval \$250 for hotdogs/brats for potluck (8) YES, Jim did not vote

9/05/2023 Approval for updated pavilion reservation sign to be posted on website (5) YES (Laurie, Cindy, Samantha, Karen, Monica) 4 did not vote (Terry, Daniel, Robin, Jim)

9/06/2023 Approval for e-blast content following pavilion safely crossings/tar incident (8) YES, Jim did not vote

9/10/2023 Approval additional \$2,000 for trail clearing/Garden King project (8) YES, Jim did not vote

9/10/2023 Approval \$350 1 load crusher run for Wildcat Trail-by Platters (9) YES-unanimous

9/17/2023 Approval \$400 reimbursement – Joe Goett, tar removal (9) YES-unanimous

9/17/2023 Approval \$400 reimbursement – Dorothy Fritz, tar removal (8) YES, Jim did not vote

THANK YOU NOTES

Samantha has found reasonably priced Thank You notes from Vista Print. Karen can provide a list of those who gave donations to the SCTA in 2023. Samantha will send to all board members to review and create the order.

POLICIES REVIEW

The review of the SCTA policies is still underway. Some of the changes being considered: requesting that questions to the board be submitted in advance of the meeting, and defining the parameters for requesting a membership list. Samantha will send them out to the Board members to review and comment prior to the next board meeting.

PAVILION PEST CONTROL AND TERMITE INSPECTION

The group discussed that it has been several years since this has been done. Cindy will contact Universal Pest Control. If the cost is more than \$200.00, she will submit to the Board for approval.

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LEFT OVER HOT DOGS AND SAUSAGES FROM THE POTLUCK

We have left over sausages, hotdogs and condiments from the 20-year celebration potluck/cookout last month. Laurie has 2 pkgs each of hot dogs, brats, and smoked sausage in her chest freezer. Suggestion made that we ask Karen Ashcroft if she could use them for a workday, as she has provided dinner for the trail workers several times. Laurie and Theresa will contact her.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board extended a special thank you to Suzanne Watson for providing 4 cans of Wasp and Hornet spray for use by the SCTA. They are in the pavilion storage area for use if needed.

The regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THOSE ATTENDING

Theresa Reynolds – Spruce Creek Drive: asked if Walley Linder had received a thank you note from the SCTA for his consultation work several months ago. Board answer: Yes, he did. Theresa also asked if the Board Agenda could be available in advance of the meeting and distributed to everyone attending the meeting. The board was not in favor of this, as the agenda is for the board members and is often quite fluid until the afternoon of the meeting.

Sarah Hartzell-Spruce Creek Drive: suggested that the SCTA support/advertise the toy drive their group is hosting on the same day as the YARD sale. Unwrapped toys for infants through 18-year-olds can be dropped off at Jennifer Davidson’s House. For those who cannot make it on Sept. 30th, they can be dropped off before or after the event. She directed Laurie to get additional information on Facebook.

Anita McDaniel also recommended we promote Yard Sale/Toy Drive on such Facebook pages as the Newcomers page, and several neighborhood Chit Chat pages. Laurie said she would look up the information and include it in our communications.

Potential Board Meeting Policy Changes: Someone asked why we would ask that questions to the board be submitted to the board in advance of the meeting. Samantha replied this would give us time to research/understand the questions so we could provide better answers. Also asked: will there be a membership vote on any Policy changes. Answer: no, policies are created/controlled by the Board. Samantha also responded to a question concerning the location/posting of the policies. The revised policies will be available on our website after they are finalized and adopted by the Board.

Special Meetings: A number of attendees asked about “special meetings”. It was getting difficult to hear, or understand the questions, so not all may be captured here. The board confirmed that committee meetings are not “special meetings” and are not “open meetings”; they are for the committee members only.

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Brenda Goett-Spruce Creek Drive: Requested clarification “for the record” to inform everyone that SCTA did not contact Ryan Reed concerning creating the horse crossings by the pavilion. Samantha indicated that she did still have text messages on her phone with Ryan from back in May concerning this subject. Brenda indicated that these were not approvals as Ryan told Brenda each new road supervisor should be contacted for specific approvals/time/dates. Several members of the Board indicated that we were not aware of this, as permission had been given by Chuck Norris (Road Supervisor) back in 2017, and we have repaired those same horse crossings at least 4 times since then. The board will make this known to board members going forward.

At this point, the comments and discussions in the room were getting out of control, with shouting and confrontational behavior. The meeting was therefore adjourned.

Submitted by Laurie LeRoy-approved 10-17-2023