

## Minutes-SCTA Monthly Board Meeting

**May 16, 2023**

The monthly SCTA board meeting was called to order at 6:05pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, by President Samantha Perry

Present: Samantha Perry, Cindy Stedman, Terry Stedman, Laurie LeRoy, Karen Wappelhorst, Kathy Brown, Robin Vose, and Jim Kiely

- Absent: Daniel Johnson
- Guest: Sammy Kiely, Theresa & George Reynolds, Sue Bertch, Linda Beck, Michelle Riley, Jay Light, Minand Marilyn Spoon

### Administration Report:

- **April Meeting 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 by majority (8), abstained (1) Daniel.
- **Membership Status:** Total for 2023 is 229; 75 of which are new members.
- **Treasurers Report:** Karen reported the financials for April 2023.  
**Bank Account Balance as of 4/30/2023: \$23,725.70.**

### Income: \$3,880.00

Memberships: \$3,475.00

Membership (mail): \$5.00

Donations (Trails): \$325.00

Campground Guests: \$40.00

Southeast Pack Trips (Larry McMillan): \$125.00

Liz Arbogast: \$50.00

Gwendolyn Schmidt: \$50.00

Lea Valentine: \$50.00

Marilyn Spoon: \$10.00

Unrestricted: \$175.00

James & Lora Bridges: \$50.00

Nancy Brown: \$50.00

Raquel Nichols: \$25.00

Mike & Holly Carr: \$50.00

Sterling's membership refund as requested: \$100.00

### Expenses: \$374.67

Utilities: \$59.75

PayPal fees: \$84.50

Trail Expense – Updated map copies: \$62.42

Membership Drive (stamps): \$63.00

Chamber of Commerce Dues: \$55.00

Federal Tax: \$40.00  
Accounting adjustment: \$10.00

**Gift Certificates:** 4 remaining.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Laurie: First Aid/AED Training – May 19 at 10am. Handouts and lunch from Subway will be provided. To date there are 33 registered to attend.
- Laurie: Membership Drive (hand out provided)
  - Quite a success: 2023 Memberships at 230 exceed all prior years
  - Cindy and Samantha delivered packages to 100 local mailboxes
  - Laurie addressed and mailed 125 packages to those with non-Spruce Creek tax addresses
  - Total expenses \$462.00 (\$78.75 stamps, \$383.25 copies & envelopes)
  - Estimate: generated 50 memberships = +\$2,500 in dues
- Laurie: Trail Committee Update –May committee meeting provided insight on the following: (hand out provided)
  - Livingston/Reynolds trails; Determined 1,300 X 20-30' wide feet of trail between Reynolds and Morphis still belongs to R. Livingston. Robert Livingston has offered to donate it to SCTA. It was an unintentional error when other deeds to us were created. The SCTA will pay for a survey (approved \$3,000) and the deed preparation. (Estimate \$200) The survey has been completed by Johnny Boyatt-awaiting final invoice. The deed is in progress. We hope to have it completed by the end of May.
  - Morphis reroute; SCTA owns a 30' cut through trail between Spurlock lot 220 and trail to be deeded to SCTA. See above included in the survey and deed. Need to put permanent trail markers after Memorial Day 2023.
  - Deer Haven trail – Fence on SCTA trail. Laurie met with Jill and Nathan Billy who are installing a new 4 board fence along 764 Deer Haven. They discussed that the new fence is probably encroaching on the 10 ft. SCTA trail running along Deer Haven Trail for which we have a deed. It is difficult to determine as the survey markers are long gone. Laurie reassured them that the trail association is not going to make an issue of the location of their fence as long as they understand that they may be on the SCTA trail. There is plenty of room to move through this section as it is a dead-end road with little traffic down at the end where this property is located. They confirmed that this won't be a problem. We will document in the May meeting minutes, so that 10 years from now, all will know of the agreement. Of course, we will give them a copy for their records.
- Kathy: Welcome Committee Update – Kathy had a working luncheon at her home Thursday, May 11 to discuss the welcome committee process and to see where they can make improvements. The attendees were Anita

*McDaniel, Joyce Pickard, Marilyn Platter, Jennifer Davidson and Rose Walter. Some of the topics of discussion were:*

- *Purchasing bags with SCTA logo instead of using Chamber bags*
- *Maps & Attraction brochures – Rose*
- *List of farriers and vets – Kathy*
- *Contractors, shavings, handymen, tack stores – Anita*
- *Human medical information – Jennifer*
- *Horse feed and hay information – Marilyn*
- *Other topics of discussion/recommendations:*
  - *SCTA logo suggested*
  - *Name tags at gatherings*
  - *Introduction of new members/residents at potluck and meetings*
  - *Purchasing a microphone with speaker*
  - *Laurie provided a list of 45 new residents from the TN Tax Data base several weeks ago for their use*
- *Next meeting scheduled for May 22 to review information plan and assemble packages.*
- *Approval for SCTA to retrieve signs from South Fork Property land was denied.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- *Reviewed the April/May e-mail approvals for the minutes*
  - *4-4 through 4-19-23 E-mail vote: Approved \$900 for purchase of 72 “I am not lost” Tee shirts. Approved by 7-Robin and Daniel did not vote*
  - *4-20-23 Email \$300 expense to provide lunch (Subway sandwiches & drinks) for the AED/First Aid/CPR course attendees...approved by 7, Daniel & Cindy did not vote*
  - *4-27-23 Text Msg Approval \$3,000 -Survey and legal expenses to create deed for ¼ mile of trail from Spurlock to end of Reynolds property Approved by 6, Jim, Daniel, Robin did not vote*
  - *5-6-23 Election process detail emailed and posted to FB...approved by 8, Daniel didn't vote.*
  - *5-7-23 Place historical minutes & P&Ls on website...approved by 8, Daniel didn't vote.*
  - *5-7-23 Create Proxy Convenience Form & share via eblast & on website: approved by 8, Daniel didn't vote.*
  - *5-9-23 Vote for expenses of supplies to be used to repair trail by Hupp property; Spruce Creek Dr...approved by 8, Daniel didn't vote.*
  - *5-15-23 Email vote for additional load of rock to complete trail on Hupp property \$300...approved by 8-Jim did not vote*
- *Issue with South Fork Properties regarding 20+ year old signs-Board member Kathy Brown received text messages from Ricky Rains representing South Fork Properties demanding to know who removed signs he believed were*

- placed in certain areas by his father, Ricky Rains Sr. 20+ years ago or threatened “serious action against the board”. Volunteers did remove wooden and metal signs, after Mr. Rains requested South Fork Properties trails be removed from the SCTA map. It was discussed with Mr. Rains at that time, that signage would be removed so as to assist in not directing “unauthorized” traffic on private property. The volunteers had no way of knowing ownership of 20+ year old signs. An email was composed to Mr. Rains to explain and an offer to reinstall the 5 20+ year old wooden signs or to return them to his cabin within Spruce Creek. The e-mail also gave detailed information about the metal signs. The metal signs were purchased by the SCTA in 2015 and 2019. Mr. Rains replied via email 5/11/23 “U all keep the signs its fine...”*
- *SCTA Board members, excluding 1 board member, have been banned from new trails being created in Spruce Creek by South Fork Properties on their private land.*
  - *Trail Workdays/Trail Committee Visitors Theresa Reynolds, Linda Beck & Michelle Reily expressed interest in forming a Trail Committee. Theresa recommended that there be a more detailed Trail Committee with regular scheduled workdays for all to schedule around. They indicated that they might be able to round up more volunteers for workdays, more frequently assess trails and then submit proposals to the Board for their review and approval*
  - *Adopt-A-Trail Agreement & Trail. After a few misunderstanding emails with Effie at Big South Fork regarding the program, Samantha received the actual Adopt-A-Trail procedure and form to sign to adopt Proctor Ridge. Motioned to approval by Samantha, approval voted unanimously. Form will be completed and emailed back, and a Meeting with Niki will be set by their office*
  - *Larry McMillian assessed the trail between Indian Rock & Taft Story. Stated that the culvert was clogged with leaves and the trail was in need of grading and materials to repair erosion from past months. Larry cleared the culvert that day and did some grading. Requested approval for a load of #4 rock to be delivered. He’d order once approval received. Vote to approve \$350 for #4 rock for Larry to use on trail between Indian Rock & Taft Story-unanimously approved. Larry to be advised.*
  - *Review the election process during the May 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Membership/Potluck*
    - *Set-up to begin at 4:30pm*
    - *Voting to begin at 5:00pm and close at 6:30pm*
  - *Jay Light has begun refurbishing SCTA trail directional signage throughout Spruce Creek. These signs are distinguished with yellow lettering. Proposed that an SCTA stencil be used on the trail posts to designate which trails are SCTA trails thus open to the public.*
  - *Laurie suggested the Trail Committee come up with a “new name” for what was known as Tee Pee Loop.*

- *Cindy recommended a “neighborhood clean-up day” for June 12 at 6:00pm. It would be a neighborhood SxS clean up evening to gather trash along the roadsides of the neighborhood. We will share this with the other Spruce Creek “area’s”-Taft Story, Trailhead Lane in hopes they will all participate.*
- *Cindy also suggested perhaps we could have a SCTA “Adopt a Trail” program for residents to take responsibility for the clearing of any trails that border their property.*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm*