

SCTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2025

A meeting of the SCTA Board was called to order at 6:09 pm by President, Laurie LeRoy. Board members present (9): Laurie LeRoy, Monica Quarmby, Karen Wappelhorst, Marilyn Spoon, Samantha Perry, Terry Stedman, Cindy Stedman, April Johnson and Daniel Johnson. Incoming Board members (2): Margaret Baznik-Sanders and Travis Day. Guests (2): Sue Bertch and Jay Light. The meeting was held at the SCTA pavilion. Laurie LeRoy welcomed incoming board members, Margaret Baznik-Sanders and Travis Day.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

MEETING MINUTES – The May 12 minutes were submitted by Marilyn Spoon. With one correction, the minutes were approved by Laurie LeRoy, Monica Quarmby, Karen Wappelhorst, Marilyn Spoon, Samantha Perry, Terry Stedman and Cindy Stedman. April Johnson and Daniel Johnson abstained as they were not present at that meeting. Minutes will be forwarded to Sue Bertch for posting to the website.

The May 25 minutes were submitted by Marilyn Spoon and approved by Laurie LeRoy, Monica Quarmby, Karen Wappelhorst, Marilyn Spoon, Samantha Perry, Terry Stedman, Cindy Stedman, April Johnson and Daniel Johnson. Minutes will be forwarded to Sue Bertch for posting to the website.

TREASURER'S REPORTS – Karen Wappelhorst presented the treasurer's report as of May 31, 2025. She reported a current balance of \$15,190.72 with income of \$425 and expenses of \$507.63 since the last report. Karen confirmed all thank you notes are up to date with the exception of one. The treasurer's report was approved by Laurie LeRoy, Monica Quarmby, Karen Wappelhorst, Marilyn Spoon, Samantha Perry, Terry Stedman, Cindy Stedman, April Johnson and Daniel Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Marilyn Spoon reported 118 current memberships. Of those memberships, 85% are Class A (non-commercial property owners), 4% Class B (commercial property owners), 8% Class C (non-commercial non-property owners), 2% Class D (commercial non-property owners) and 1% Class E (developers)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAPS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE – Cindy Stedman reported the next maps and trails committee meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 4:00 at the pavilion. April Johnson inquired about the decision to retire the colored arrow signs. After further discussion, Laurie tasked the maps and trails committee to develop a plan to install "confidence markers" on the SCTA trails.

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WELCOME COMMITTEE – Monica Quarmby reported Kathy Brown had confirmed to her that all new property owners had been contacted. Kathy reported she would continue to distribute name tags at future pot lucks.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS:

WEBSITE – Laurie LeRoy stated Sue Bertch has updated the website to include all the new information which was sent to her. Sue reported we have had over 14,000 hits on the website since she installed the counter with an average of 100 to 200 hits per month.

FACEBOOK – April Johnson reported the Facebook page is getting good neighborhood traffic. She reports we have approximately 1,200 members on that page. Laurie LeRoy offered to continue to create “Did You Know” articles. She stated she would submit the articles to the Board for approval prior to posting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laurie LeRoy provided a consolidated list of all by-law amendments for the period 5/6/20 to 3/3/25 which have already been approved by the Board. The document was reviewed for accuracy and no changes were required. Laurie will send this document to Sue Bertch for posting to the website.

Laurie LeRoy presented a list of the final suggestions made by the by-laws committee including:

- Amending the provisions related to board position vacancies
- Amend the provisions related to officer positions and terms
- Correct a typographical error in Article III, Section 8
- Add provisions for membership types
- Add provisions for removal of board members (to comply with TCA 48-58-108)

Following lengthy discussion on each item, Laurie agreed to prepare the final by-law amendments to be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Laurie LeRoy stated the trail maintenance log has been updated. A trail workday was scheduled for June 23 at 5:30 pm to work on the trail alongside Crockett Creek Road.

Monica Quarmby reported she attended the National Trails Day workday on June 7 in the Big South Fork NRR. She stated 4 park employees and two volunteers worked on bridge repairs on the Angel Falls Trail.

Laurie LeRoy stated she would send information for the Big South Fork Adopt-A-Trail program. She stated someone would need to complete the form and return it to Big South Fork to participate in the program.

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Laurie LeRoy stated she spoke with Effie Houston at Big South Fork about having someone from the Park give a presentation, but the prospect does not look promising. Laurie suggested we have an emergency/rescue presentation in the future instead.

Laurie LeRoy mentioned we are still looking for a new name for the Spruce Creek Community Trail. Since no decision on the new name has yet been made by the Board, it was agreed that the maps and trails committee would decide on the new trail name.

Laurie LeRoy provided an updated financial summary of the signs project. Jay Light commented that he is waiting to cut signs pending decision on the new trail name.

Laurie LeRoy stated she spoke with Ray Years regarding the trail that runs along the front of his property. Ray advised that the white flags installed near his fence line were placed to mark the water main location. Ray stated he is not requesting that the SCTA trail be relocated in front of his property.

Laurie LeRoy stated she spoke with Nicole Temple regarding the temporary fencing that was placed over the Deer Haven Trail. Nicole agreed to remove the temporary fence.

Laurie LeRoy stated that one of the fans in the pavilion does not work and needs to be fixed or replaced. Laurie also suggested we consider staining the pavilion.

Laurie LeRoy stated she had sent an email asking Board members to review the document "Why Spruce Creek trails are open to the public." This document was approved by all board members and will be posted to the website. It was also suggested that this document be included in the membership drive packet for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

New board members Margaret Baznik-Sanders and Travis Day were welcomed and officially installed.

Officer positions were elected as follows:

President – Margaret Baznik-Sanders

Vice President – Travis Day

Secretary – April Johnson

Treasurer – Karen Wappelhorst

Laurie LeRoy provided information for the new board members and a list of updates that will need to be made to reflect the changes to the Board. Laurie also noted that a board member will need to be assigned to the sign committee (previously held by Laurie LeRoy) and the welcome committee (previously held by Monica Quarmby).

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Laurie LeRoy reported the chamber of commerce membership is expiring. The board unanimously approved renewal of the membership.

Samantha Perry volunteered to be added as an admin on the Facebook page.

Marilyn Spoon stated the new Conflict of Interest forms needs to be signed by all board members. She stated she would send the forms via DocuSign and/or email to all board members.

The Board thanked Laurie LeRoy and Monica Quarmby for their years of service on the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.