

October 23, 2018

Friends of HFSP Annual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President, Ethan Townsend.

Introductions: Henry Sieg, Danielle Jerry, Joan Mentley, Bob Agel, Dick Mooers, Mary Jane Watson, Lorraine Gowing, Ed Fuhr, Judy Fuhr, Joan Trivilino, Barry Walsh, Tom French, Joann Ferris, Ethan Townsend, Toryn Liberte (sp) in attendance.

Joan T., seconded by Lorraine G. made a motion to approve previously distributed minutes. Motion passed.

Ethan Townsend, Joan Trivilino, Danielle Jerry up for re-election to the Board. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Secretary cast one ballot for their reinstatement. Danielle J. suggested that we should encourage a voluntary two term limit in order to bring more people into the group. There was agreement that this would be a good goal to work toward.

Treasurer's Report from Lorraine G.:

Savings: \$8305.90

Checking: \$8396.77

\$16702.67

Total income since the summer meeting was \$3695.00, Expenses \$1036.07. The Bike Tour raised over \$2,000. Using Big Spoon for the food was a success.

Tom F. reported that we currently have 95 members including cyclists. Dick M. asked about recruiting summer campers as members. Discussion followed. Tom F. in conjunction with Henry will see if a rack card might be able to be included in camper packets. Joan T. discussed the QR code that has been created to allow people an easy way to join. Membership levels were discussed. Bob Agel suggested making \$20. the membership. \$20. Is the level we promote but other levels are available starting with a \$5.00 student and \$10.00 single membership. Joan T. said she would like to see levels as they are. Paper forms will show all the levels. Tom will check on a drop down menu for PayPal or a blank with explanation.

Barry W. will continue to organize winter evenings. Access to trails was discussed in light of bathroom construction. Henry said Park is still waiting for Albany to finalize contract. One part of contract is road plowing. We will work with Park to make as much skiing available as possible without disrupting work.

Trails Day is Sat. Nov. 3rd at 9:00A.M. Judy F. will do a press release for news media. One area of focus will be the dressing up of the extension of the E-Z Try it Trail. SLU will prep rental skis for use. Park has acquired 30 pr. youth snowshoes.

Winterfest:

Henry gave the go ahead for the fondue dinner Friday Jan. 18th with a trivia night and extended xc skiing. Big Spoon will cater the dinner. Saturday is the Higley Hustle. Sunday is family day. SLU will do lessons. Looking for additional ideas.

Masters' Program: Danielle J. will submit an article to North Country This Week and contact NCPR about an interview. She will publicize in early Dec. then again as program starts. She is looking for additional coaches.

Grooming: Sled is in Gouverneur being serviced and suspension issues addressed. Discussed ways to make grooming easier. Friends will make arrangements with Boyce's for an account. Henry will have winter weekend employee get gas and keep sled filled.

Lighting: Ethan T. reported that the lights have been tested, some issues addressed and lights ready for installation by Clarkson students on Trails Day for a field test.

Website: Bob A. created for us and has maintained. Several years ago it was very popular but content has become stale. We are not getting the info to Bob to make it current. He suggested that a Facebook Page is much easier to maintain. Tom F. will create a Facebook page. Bob uses Linux so if someone else were to take over the website we would have to start from scratch. Discussion followed about a public Facebook page with posting access limited to those with permission, also about making the Board a Facebook group. We will ask for someone willing to maintain our Facebook page in the next newsletter. We will keep website one more year with an eye toward shifting totally to Facebook in another year.

Winter newsletter: Judy asked Board members and activity leaders for articles for the paper to be submitted by Nov. 15th.

Joan F. reported on the Raquette River Advisory Council- we could request a funding grant for projects we might have (lighting) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

New Business:

Bathroom construction project is delayed but still expected to start.

Geocache-honors program at Clarkson-they should contact Henry to work out the possibilities.

Next meeting; Jan. 8th, 2019

Election of Officers: Secretary cast one ballot for continuance of Board members serving another year in their current positions.