

Friends of Hashawha and Bear Branch (FHBB)
 Final Meeting Minutes
 June 2, 2022, 7pm
 In person at BBNC with a virtual option, link was sent out June 2nd
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Attendees:

Michelle Scott (Chairperson) (virtual)	Robert Scott (virtual)
Nicole Bowman (Vice Chairperson)	Ken Harris (MORE)
Chris Markle (Treasurer) (virtual)	Diana Roman (virtual)
Harold Scott	Jason Irla (MORE)
Sarah Franz (Secretary) (virtual)	
	Jenna Mele (Bear Branch Nature Center) (virtual)
	Dawn Harry (Bear Branch Nature Center)

1) Call to Order

- a) Welcome and introductions- Michelle Scott
- b) Review and approved May 5 minutes- Sarah Franz

2) Reports

- a) Treasurer- Chris Markle
 - i) Debit card update: Jenna and Dawn have obtained cards.
 - ii) Reviewed Treasurer Report.
 - iii) Dawn still working on getting Egg Hunt funds from RecDesk to transfer to FHBB account.
- b) Social Media
 - i) Working on increasing social media posts. We have 70 followers on Instagram and 63 on Facebook - small but getting bigger! Keep sending ideas for posts. I am working with Alison on some posts, and Jenna is helping me as well! Let me know if there is anything special we want to post for National Trails Day this Saturday, June 4th. <https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>
- c) Park Operations-Dawn Harry
 - i) Paving has started at residential camp. Will begin at Bear Branch in a few weeks. Nature center will be open during paving, but will need to park at trail head parking lots.
 - ii) New swing set being installed at residential camp.
- d) Nature Center- Jenna Mele
 - i) Passed USDA inspection for opossum. New enclosure in the works.
 - ii) New trout tank and rainbow trout installed in nature center.
 - iii) School field trips are done.
 - iv) Summer field trips will begin at the end of June.
 - v) Summer camps start in July.
 - vi) Fall season school field trips will be reorganized to reduce chaos.
 - vii) Looking for volunteer to man front desk on Sundays in July.
 - viii) June 22nd deadline for Fall Program guide.

3) Ongoing Items

- a) Events meeting review- Nicole Bowman
 - i) Maple Sugarin' – folks want more stuff
 - ii) Egg Hunt – positive feedback. Requests for prepackaged snacks. Block off unused parking lots. Indicate that there is hiking involved. Increase the price. Consider live music.
 - iii) Duck Hunt
 - (1) Nov. 12th 2-4pm at Nature Center and Vista Trail.
 - (2) Prepackaged snack station for kids.
 - (3) Registration by family and list names of family members up to 5 people.
 - (4) There will be 200 ducks which will have numbers (1-20) corresponding to prizes.
 - (5) Limited to 100 people, or approximately 20 families.

- (6) Will send out to add to the Fall Program Guide.
- iv) Need to set meeting for Monarch Madness discussion
 - (1) FHBB supports BBNC so Dawn and Jenna will plan things out.
- b) Logo progress
 - i) Email sent to FHBB members vote for 3 different logos.
 - ii) Tally in a few weeks and announce the winner.
 - iii) Narrow down design with artist.
- c) Gardens
 - i) Rope fencing around pond and signage is updated to prevent trampling on garden.
 - ii) Commissioner sign installed at Vista Trailhead parking lot.
 - iii) Installation of plants at various gardens is in various stages of progress and completion.
- d) Trails- Ken Harris (Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE))
 - i) Looking for a trail team leader
 - ii) Working with Dawn and Brad to reroute and update trails.
 - iii) June 25th at residential camp for beginner skill clinic sponsored by MORE. Signup on website and social media sites.
 - iv) Thursdays @ 5:30 pm (beginner) and Saturdays @ 8:30 am (intermediate) rides to learn how to mountain bike. Posted on social media sites, website and newsletter. Meet at Lake Hashawha parking lot.
 - v) Approved to purchase signs for trails.
 - vi) Continually trying to educate people on trail etiquette.
 - vii) Suggest sharing Instagram and FB posts.
 - viii) Trail blazes for Union Mills trail needs to be re-done. Alison requesting to be reimbursed for purchasing paint. Needs to provide total to Chris. If over \$100, FHBB needs to approve. Motion to approve purchase. Initial purchase is approved. Additional purchases will need to be discussed with Dawn and FHBB.
 - ix) Once trails are rerouted, park staff will follow protocols to re-blaze.
- 4) New business**
 - a) Run for the Raptors (Brian Gardiner, possible a coordinator)
 - i) Trying to coordinate with Brian Gardiner.
 - ii) Fall event
 - b) Natural playground research
 - i) Look into rules/regulations on how to proceed with planning/development/ideas.
 - ii) Diana volunteered to send Michelle information she already has.
 - iii) Send request to Master Naturalists for ideas.
 - iv) Oregon Ridge Nature Center, Irvine Nature Center are some examples.
 - c) June 14th Therapeutic Day – focused on adaptive recreation. Decided to skip this event this year.
 - d) Summer Bash in July
 - i) Looking for ideas for FHBB to present
- 5) Announcements**
 - a) Next FHBB meeting July 7th
 - b) Next Friends of Carroll Recreation and Parks (FoCRP) meeting, date changed July 12- Jessica Horning attending
- 6) Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm**