



Friends of Hashawha Bear Branch

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FINAL Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023, 7pm

In person at BBNC with a virtual option. A link was sent out prior to the meeting.

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In Person Attendees:

Michelle Scott (Chairperson)
Sarah Franz (Secretary)
Maggie Kunz (Public Affairs Officer)
Ken Harris (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts)
Jason Irla (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts)
Robert Scott
Chris Markle (Treasurer)
Rachel Hall
Alison Malachowski
Mika Lawrence
Harold Scott
Dawn Harry (BBNC)
Sue Hughes (new attendee)
Tom Hughes (new attendee)

Virtual Attendees:

Jess Horning
Will Horning
Nicole Bowman (Vice Chairperson)

1. Call to order

- a) Welcome and Introductions
- b) Review and approve January meeting minutes.

2. Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i. Review of current balances in general fund, garden fund, and animal fund. Alison owes Chris receipts for garden purchases.
 - ii. No further info on fraud claim
 - iii. Rec Desk still owes FHBB money from 2022 Run for Raptors and Duck Hunt
- b) Social Media
 - i. Nothing new to report. Slowly gaining followers, but there is plenty of content to post.
- c) Park operations
 - i. working on putting residential camp on Rec Desk. This will alleviate billing and tracking issues.
 - ii. Outdoor school is running smoothly.
- d) Nature Center
 - i. Getting diamondback on Feb. 6





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- ii. Spring registration for programs opens Feb. 9
- iii. Status of projector for planetarium: will try to purchase a used projector on eBay as a backup to current projector. Chris offered to help clean the fan of the current projector, as Dawn is not able to. Suggestion to find a new fan to swap it out.
- e) FoCRP Meeting Review
 - i. CRP is now fully staffed.
 - ii. The self-help budget will be available in May.
- f) Environmental Alliance
 - i. Hosted by Charlotte's Quest. Met to start brainstorming ideas and will continue to connect. Working on creating a directory of members. Next meeting has not been scheduled.
- g) Entomology Exploration Classes
 - i. Both classes were full and successful. Requests for more classes.

3. Old Business

- a) Gardens
 - i. Two adult volunteers for the "Three Weird Sisters" garden (which is corn, beans, squash). Looking for children to get involved as well. Three gardens have been adopted, five are remaining to be adopted.
 - ii. Obtained free mulch from the company doing the tree cleanup from the July 2022 storm.
- b) Events
 - i. Maple Fest – Nicole has a suggested list of items to sell. Volunteers are needed but need to determine specific jobs first. All profits will go to FHBB, except for the pancake breakfast. Dawn will contact Mr. Leo for syrup and candy. Motion passed to move forward with purchasing items for the event. Prior to the meeting the attendees taste-tested three baked goods (cookies, blondies, and fudge). It was decided that the fudge was the best. Discussed the best way would sell all three to provide a variety due to food allergies. Dawn will ask Nicki about portion sizes and number of items so we can obtain a price.
- c) Trails
 - i. Finished the second section of Switchback trail. Will be adding a storm drain to the ditch before filling it in. Job box and bike stand are on-site.
 - ii. June 3rd event planning is ongoing. Will reach out for volunteers.
 - iii. Continuing trail projects and placed horse trail signs. All kiosks have trail etiquette signs.
- d) T-shirts
 - i. Rob showed some prototypes: FHBB logo on gray shirt, and BBNC logo on gray shirt.
 - ii. FHBB is \$19 and BBNC is \$15 to make. Michelle asked about retail tax. The cost of the shirt should include sales tax. It was suggested to have people donate \$20 or \$25 and receive a T-shirt. Using a donation instead of a sale will avoid having to charge sales tax. T-shirt order form will be passed around the meeting.



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- iii. 3" stickers (\$83 per 100). One for FHBB and one for BNCC. Can sell for \$1.00 each, or sell the BBNC sticker at the nature center and use the FHBB sticker as giveaways during events. Suggested to enlarge the FHBB sticker to fit in the full name or shrink the size of logo to fit the name. Rob Scott will work with the designer to get a proof. Motion carried to purchase 100 FHBB stickers and 100 BBNC stickers for 200 total stickers as a starting point.

e) Website

- i. Maggie and Jason created a website mock-up and demonstrated it during the meeting. SquareSpace is a subscription service for content management for building websites. Cost ranges from \$125-280 per year depending on the content.
- ii. Website will have a gallery, contact us form, park happenings, donate button, trails map etc.
- iii. Must have ADA disclaimer for it to be affiliated with the county.
- iv. Dawn will determine if county requires anything else for the website to contain hyperlinks to RecDesk or other county webpages.
- v. Motion carried to move forward with paying for subscription.

f) DNR Grant

- i. No changes at this time. Jess needs to meet with Dawn and Jenna regarding specific questions on what type of trees and bushes are wanted and the size. Trees for the pavilion area need to go in first, then additional trees and bushes can be purchased via the grant when it's determined where we are putting them. The next round of grant applications is due in September. Motion carried to apply for the September grant.

g) Butterfly House

- i. LaDew Gardens – price depends on size. Will work with Dawn and Jenna to determine the size and location.

4. New Business

- a) Earth Day, April 22nd
 - i. Maggie is still working out the details.
- b) Scout Expo, March 14th
 - i. Mika and Sarah will be attending. Need to bring brochures and other info to share.
- c) Conflict Resolution in FHBB Bylaws
 - i. Tabled until next meeting. Decided to draft up some language and circulate via email for review and comment.
- d) Members Questions/Concerns

5. Announcements

- a) Next FHBB meeting March 2
- b) Maple Fest March 4-5
- c) Scout Expo- March 14





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- d) BBNC field trip training March 25
- e) Adult Egg Hunt April 1
 - a. Nicole will send out a request for volunteers via email.
- f) Earth Day Event- April 22

Motion to adjourn – 8:32pm