



Friends of Hashawha Bear Branch

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FINAL Meeting Minutes

April 6, 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:

Nicole Bowman (Vice Chairperson)
Chris Markle (Treasurer)
Jason Irla (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts)
Rachel Hall
Alison Malachowski
Chrissy Gallo
Dawn Harry (BBNC)
Jenna Mele (BBNC)

Virtual Attendees:

Maggie Kunz (Public Affairs Officer)
Sarah Franz (Secretary)
Jess Horning
Will Horning
Kristin Darby
Linda Ashburn
Shelly Ryan

1. Call to Order

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

2. Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i. Chris provided a rundown of costs in and out for the month.
 - ii. The square will no longer issue a refund for the square fee in the event of a refund on a purchase.
 - iii. Memo of understanding by July 1 which will define how proceeds will be split up. Draft will be sent for review.
 - iv. Drafting thank you/tax deduction letters for the Egg Hunt donations received.
- b) Social Media
 - i. Updates on website and Facebook page are ongoing.
- c) Park Operations
 - i. Started planting trees by outdoor school kids.
- d) Nature Center
 - i. Field trip schedule released. There are a few slots still available. Volunteers to help with field trips can attend training and/or shadow a couple field trips.





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- ii. Summer programs need to be submitted to Jenna by next week. Fall and winter programs need to be sent in ASAP so it can be added to RecDesk and the catalog.
- iii. Summer interns interviews for camps have begun.
- iv. We may be getting an American Kestrel. Injured and partial amputation. Will work on getting the mews ready.

3. Old Business

a) Gardens

- i. All gardens have been mulched thanks to many volunteers. Bricks in front of the nature center will be replaced. Greenhouse plantings are doing well.
- ii. 5 gardens have been adopted.
- iii. Log and tree by pond need to be moved due to rot.

b) Events

- i. Adult Egg Hunt – rescheduled for April 22 7-9pm. Have enough donations. Need volunteers to hide eggs (3-5pm) and run the event (7-9pm). Due to cancellation, an email was sent to all participants to move registration or cancel registration. Decide by next Friday and registration will re-open to fill slots. Can not use property at residential camp because a group will be there.
- ii. Upcoming events for the next year – dates should be determined ahead of time so they can get on the calendar.

c) Trails

- i. Trail maintenance/cleanup/repairs continues. Collected 10 bags of trash and a well pump, cat tree, toilet, and other large items.
- ii. Fallen trees are being removed that fell across the trails in the last few weeks.
- iii. April 15, 29 and May 13, 27 are the next trail cleanup days.
- iv. Hill Yeah! registration is open and looking for volunteers.

d) T-shirts and Stickers

- i. Stickers are in. Being sold in nature center.
- ii. T-shirts have arrived and are available for sale in nature center. Flat rate of \$25 per shirt.

e) Newsletter/Website

- i. Updates ongoing.

f) Scout Expo

- i. Sarah gave an overview of the expo. Good turn out and many packs and troops were looking for places to have campouts and eagle projects. Information was passed out on who to contact. The event is held annually.

4. New Business

a) McDaniel Earth Day Event





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- i. April 21st at McDaniel and asked for FHBB to participate with a booth/naturalist items/shirts for sale.
- b) BBNC Earth Day
 - i. April 22 at Piney Run and Bear Branch. Volunteers are needed for both. Contact Chrissy Gallo.
- c) City Nature Challenge
 - i. April 28-May 1 in Westminster at Wakefield Valley Golf Course. FHBB partnering with event to provide volunteers and help to the event.
- d) Family Summer Fest
 - i. June 23rd Fundraiser for the park legacy fund. There will be a family fun section and each recreation council is being asked to donate \$50-100 for the fun section. Recommendation was to find out what the money is for before donating it. Would be happy to provide volunteers or a booth in lieu of money.
- e) Questions/Concerns/Outstanding Items
 - i. Still owed money from CCRP for Run for Raptors, Wilderness First Aid, and Duck Hunt events in 2022.

5. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- a) Next FHBB meeting - May 4
- b) Earth Day Events - April 22 at Piney Run and Bear Branch. Volunteers needed for both events.
- c) FoCRP meeting - April 25
- d) Hill Yeah! – June 3

Motion to adjourn – 8:03 pm