

## May 4 at 7pm, FHBB General Meeting Minutes

In person with a virtual option

Attendance: Michelle Scott, Rob Scott, Chrissy Gallo, Diana Devers, Rachel Hall, Chris Markel. Jenna Mele, Ken Harris. Maggie Kunz, virtual: Jess Horning, Shelly R.

### Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions- Michelle Scott
- Review and approve April 6 Minutes- Sarah Franz

### Report

- Treasurer- Chris Markle
  - We received money from CCRP for duck hunt and other activities
  - Approved additional funding for garden account \$250
  - Alison may also request resin for the bowls she is making
- Social Media- Maggie Kunz
  - Punch up website presence for ongoing programs
- Park Operations- Dawn Harry
  - Pedestrian improvements have started, walkways
  - Tree planting in fields- about 40 left to plant
  - Switching swamp oaks for field oaks in field
  - DNR will be watering the new trees over the summer
- Nature Center- Jenna Mele
  - 120+ baby fingerling trout released - several families joined, plus several master naturalists
  - A little macroinvertebrate study but water was high, fast
  - Opossum - DNR decided to change the permit - mammals used to go through feds, but the scientific collection permit changed so no nature centers can use opossums in the public for programs (3 opossums in MD had rabies). Environ lawyer is going to look into it.
  - New kestrel - partial wing amputation - may go to Piney Run
  - Kestrel and Screech owl may be coming from another rehabber, we have room for them
  - Field trip season is in full swing

### Old Business

- Gardens- Alison Malachoski
  - From email: using leftover bricks so no cost
  - Free mulch
  - Work day for replacing bricks

- Garden adopters can use
  - Milky spore - planting to get rid of Japanese beetle larvae
  - Three Weird Sisters and Linus' Pumpkin Garden just about done
  - Could use help getting signs made
  - Gardens fairly established but she needs help taking over some of the manual labor, she is willing to train someone
- Event Reviews
    - McDaniel Earth Day Event- Rachel Hall and Jason Irla
      - Lots of sign ups for the mailing list, animals were a hit
      - A bunch of people interested in MTBMD rides
    - BBNC Earth Day Event- Chrissy Gallo
      - Counted about 80 people at the table so probably more than that
      - Self-guided stations
      - Lorax very well-received, better with a smaller person
      - Next year we will be hosting the Master Gardeners
    - Piney Run Earth Day- Maggie Kunz
      - Went well despite weather
      - Didn't get to see Master Gardeners set up but plant-focused
      - Also tables from local environ groups
    - Rescheduled/Canceled Egg Hunt Review-Nicole Bowman
      - Of 80 some people who registered for 2nd date, 38 people donated their fee and we gave away 14 baskets, bunny picked winners on FB live
      - Mini prizes like mission bbq tickets, etc - emailed people who donated to come find a few eggs with small prizes
      - Posted about businesses to thank donors
      - Feedback - people ready for next year! Excited to have it!
      - 1500 eggs prepped for next year
      - Chris will send out donation letters to donors
      - Next round would be good to have addresses and when we received items: "This company at this address gave this prize worth this amount for this event."
      - Next year post severe weather back up day - should do for all events.
  - FoCRP meeting review- Jess Horning
    - Turf fields and Carroll Community College
    - Shared egg hunt, festival news
  - City Nature Challenge- Maggie Kunz
    - Also indoors but went well, people loved the artifacts
    - Prizes for people who made observations

- Will host again next year with Westminster City R&P
  
- Hill Yeah update- Ken Harris
  - 21 riders signed up
  - 5 people register in last few days
  - Pretty good for a first-time event
  - Almost everything covered, still trying to figure out how to pay for food
  - Someone sponsored every rider, volunteer Run Moore - glass, Ting gift bags
  - Pipe the Side May 19th beer just for them , Old Fields, \$1 for them for each glass, \$2 for growler; again after event
  - Michelle asked if Rec and Parks will advertise, and Jenna can send to schools
  - Could FHBB help sponsor food (boxed lunches)
  - FHBB will have table there
  
- Trails- Ken Harris
  - Working hard to make sure trails are rideable
  - 7 people showed up to help with last trail clean up
  - 2 more trail clean up events, every other weekend
  - Reroute over on Union Mills side where trail came up on road
  - Rides starting up slow as usual for spring
  - Ken waiting to see if he can get donated bikes from HoCo police force
  - Bike repair station going in soon; may be an Eagle Scout project for another one on Union Mills side
  
- Family Summer Fest- volunteers - CCRP
  - Not making a donation but we can volunteer
  - June 23rd
  
- Future programs and RecDesk?
  - Duck hunt - tentatively November 4th, maybe severe weather back up day

### **New Business**

- Butterfly House- Michelle Scott - just structure, \$12K
  - Self Help - county advisory committee mini-grants, not unreasonable amount of money to ask for; we would work on inside structures
  - Looking for 2 other quotes so she can apply for grant
  
- MailChimp update- Michelle Scott
  - 170 addresses, of that about half open it , that's a pretty good rate!

- Not many clicks
- Doggie Poop Station?- Michelle Scott - maybe but would have to be brought up with maintenance, could we put the bag dispensers with the trash cans, something to think about; Balt Co DOE gives out dog poop stuff, Dianna could give us doggie poop bags; maybe start with with signs by trash cans
- Awards for possible nominations
  - Environmental Action Award from Carroll County Environmental Advisory Board
  - Volunteer Hall of Fame Awards from Rec and Parks
- Open for suggestions

### **Announcements**

- June 1- next FHBB general meeting
- June 3- Hill Yeah! Bike Event
- June 23- Family Summer Fest

Motion to adjourn