



Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024, 7pm

In-person at BBNC with a virtual option. A link was sent out prior to the meeting. friendsofhbb@gmail.com

Attendance

In person:

- Kristin Darby, Chairperson
- Michelle Scott, Vice Chair
- Maggie Kunz, Secretary
- Chris Markle, Treasurer
- Rachel Hall, Social Media
- Dawn Harry, Hashawha
- Holly Zimmerman, BBNC
- Nicole Bowman
- Marguerite Galloway
- Chrissy Gallo
- Elizabeth Scott
- Beth Shaw

Virtual:

- Jenna Mele, Hashawha
- Jessica Horning
- Will Horning
- Jason Irla, MTBMD
- Shelly Ryan
- Harold Scott

1. Call to Order

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Review and approve February 1st minutes-** motioned, seconded, approved



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2. Reports

Treasurer report:

- \$ 8,732.54 In Total Funds
 - \$ 516.49 in Advertising Funds
 - \$20.00 reimbursement pending for Facebook Ads for Adult Egg Hunt (Maggie).
 - \$ 2,088.69 in Animal Care Funds
 - \$ 13.33 spent on enrichment feathers.
 - \$ 90.19 spent on Kestrel House materials and shipping.
 - \$ 127.94 raised from fish food donations.
 - \$ 2,140.07 in Events Funds
 - \$481.17 earned for Maple Fest Dessert sales (uneven due to Square)
 - \$162.90 reimbursement pending for dessert purchase (Dawn).
 - \$ 337.68 in Garden Funds
 - \$ 1,216.02 in Merchandise Funds
 - \$650.00 earned for Maple Fest Syrup Sales.
 - \$565.50 reimbursement pending for 2024 Maple Syrup purchase (Dawn).
 - \$ 909.59 in the General Funds
 - \$ 1,524.00 in Project Fund (Butterfly House).
 - \$24.00 Donations from Maple Fest

- Effort to get FHBB Venmo failed.
 - Venmo could not link to our ACNB account. ACNB saw no activity from Venmo. Venmo account closed.

- Sales Tax Exemption still pending.
 - Suggested contacts have not responded.
 - Piney Run also has not resolved the sales tax situation.
 - Piney Run submitted a partial application on January 31st, skipping the problematic "Good Standing" requirement. No reply yet.Difficult situation for the gift shop.

Need to mail check to Mr. Leo for syrup. CC Govt prefers that we don't send checks but sometimes it is the only way to pay. Jessica will drive it up this weekend!

Still owe the kitchen for desserts.

Park Operations - Dawn

- Pavillion coming, as soon as the weather improves.
- Pool at the residential camp will be resurfaced before Memorial Day.



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Nature Center - Jenna

- Gearing up for spring. Spring field trips will start next Friday. Only 3 days not scheduled yet! Going to need a lot of help. Training/refresher this Sunday the 10th at 10 am. Let Jenna know if you are interested. If you can't make it, you can shadow a seasoned volunteer on a field trip.
- Birthday parties are booked through July!
- Summer programming is due to Rec desk on the 20th of this month.
- Prepping for summer camp.
 - Some volunteers coming back, a couple of new faces joining.
 - Two summer college interns helping with camp and animal care.
 - Matt should be here to be camp director.
 - Holly will be able to staff the nature center while Jenna is out with kids.

Will reach out to desk volunteers when Jenna goes to Tuesday-Saturday schedule.

Barred Owl laid 3 eggs!

3. Old Business

- Maple Fest review-Jenna and Diana
 - Saturday rained, a few families.
 - Sunday, Karen had 130 people through nature center, 80+ people on hikes.
 - Ben made evaporator to improve sap boiling demo.
 - Diana and Jenna made a list of things to keep and things to do differently next year.
 - Great to have so many volunteers!
- Adult egg hunt- Kristin
 - Coming up soon. Rachel and Maggie posting pictures of prizes. Maggie boosting posts.
 - More volunteers may be needed to hide eggs and help with events. 34 spaces left
- Earth day update-Maggie/Chrissy
 - Earth Day event April 20th, 10-3, looking for volunteers to help run games and activities. We might be able to have kitchen bake more snacks. Dawn will check.
 - Would be nice to have the snacks in a cooler.



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Volunteers also could help with:

City Nature Challenge 4/26, 4-6:30pm - animals, artifacts display

Flower and Jazz Festival/Migratory Bird Day - May 11th, 10-4 - bird activities

- Trail update- Jason
 - We have a lot of work to get done and the trails will start getting busier soon.
 - We are having a work day this coming Saturday (3/9). Signup is on our website. Clean up giant trash pit on Birdman Trail on Union Mills side, may postpone to next month if rainy. Will make the call tomorrow.
 - Rob went over to pick up trash on the trails the other day, including a lot of tires.
 - Neck deep in planning for Hill Yeah! Fundraiser on June 8th.
 - Fundraiser with Pipe the Side with pale ale to raise money for trails! Go buy beer!
 - Group rides will start up a week from today, get to know Hashawha rides with Ken on Thursday nights, other group rides start in April.

- Butterfly house- Michelle
 - Good news, we have a site over by the old farmhouse and kitchen, flat area. Was considered for new aviary but too close to maintenance, too noisy.
 - But house has to come down before butterfly house goes up because of limit to number of buildings due to zoning rules. Waiting for more information.
 - Fundraising meeting next Thursday night, 3/14, at 7 pm at nature center.

- Gardens- Beth
 - Gardens are starting to wake up so Beth is watching to see what is in them! Contacted adopters and got some feedback.
 - Going to do an in-person meet later this month.
 - Interest in garden spot around sign at the bottom of the hill.
 - Will add information to the newsletter.



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- FoCrp meeting on 2/29th- Michelle
 - New mandatory training; Lisa Carroll told Kristin it was ok for Michelle and Maggie to attend and bring back information
 - Michelle shared her notes and slides from the meeting. A lot of the information was specific to sports organizations. The other information was focused on 501c3 and other requirements for the groups. We are in pretty good shape.
 - The slides will eventually be available online.
 - Important information for the board to have, will put in a binder.

4. New Business

- Holly -
 - Had a meeting today with Ashley from rec and parks to redo the website. They want to make sure they include a category for partner groups. Will list title of group, link website. Can add additional information - including links to social media sites. Will also do for MTBMD, Beekeepers, etc.
 - Summer Bash - family event at the farm museum on June 28th, 5:30 - 9:30PM. Jenna and Holly will be busy with summer camps, etc but someone from FHBB could go, do outreach.
- Chloe Irla from McDaniel college
 - Gratitude hike and bike - celebrate nature and exploring, appreciation, tailored to participants' level, themed - would need someone (Master Naturalists) to help with the theme activities while she leads the rides/hikes
- Google workplace for nonprofits
 - Jessica not always available to run virtual meetings.
 - Google workspace would allow us to have free virtual meetings, transcripts, surveys, storage, etc.
 - Michelle will continue to learn more about it.

5. Announcements

- Go see Nature Scouts Peep show display!
- **FoCRP meeting- April 23rd @ 630pm**
- **Next FHBB meeting April 4th 2024 @ 7**



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