



Meeting Minutes
April 4, 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
- Chris Markle, Treasurer
- Rachel Hall, Social Media
- Dawn Harry, Hashawha
- Chrissy Gallo
- Ken Harris
- Pam Harris
- Beth Shaw

Virtual:

- Jenna Mele, Hashawha
- Maggie Kunz, Secretary
- Chrissy Gallo
- Jessica Horning
- Jason Irla
- Shelly Ryan
- Harold Scott

Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions - Kristin Darby
- Review and approve March 7th minutes - Kristin Darby - approved

Reports

- Treasurer report - Chris
- \$ 8,766.89 In Total Funds
 - \$ 516.49 in Advertising Funds
 - \$20.00 reimbursement pending for Facebook Ads for Adult Egg Hunt (Maggie). Plus another \$20 for a total of \$40 in ads for the egg hunt.
 - \$ 2,308.69 in Animal Care Funds
 - \$ 220.00 animal adoption.



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- **\$ 2,120.85 in Events Funds**
 - **\$66.00 for post-event Maple Fest Dessert donations**
 - **\$160.22 reimbursement for dessert purchase.**
 - **\$13.00 Maple Fest Activity Bags**
 - **\$62.00 Maple Fest Gallon Syrup Raffle**
- **\$ 253.75 in Garden Funds**
 - **\$83.93 Seed & Potting Mix Reimbursement**
- **\$ 1,216.02 in Merchandise Funds**
 - **\$557.25 reimbursement for 2024 Maple Syrup purchase.**
 - **\$159.00 Syrup donations**
 - **\$162.00 Gift Shop Donations**
- **\$ 1063.34 in the General Funds**
- **\$ 1,524.00 in Project Fund (Butterfly House).**

- **Sales Tax Exemption**

- Piney Run submitted a partial application on January 31st 2024, skipping the
- problematic "Good Standing" requirement. No reply yet from MD.
- Chris found a new website, and that is the wrong form - there is no way out of paying MD sales tax. We can purchase items without sales tax but not sell them without sales tax. Even food is taxed because we have a cafeteria, though it is not "ours."
- Dawn - Piney Run gift shop all goes through Rec Desk and Lisa Carroll handles taxes. So the current plan to see if we can do that as well, then taxes will get taken out. They will keep 3% of profits for Rec Desk costs and we will get to keep the rest. Will also keep track of inventory.
- Chris will reach out to Renee at Piney Run to share what he has learned.

- **Park Operations- Dawn Harry**

- It's getting warmer! Pre Bid meeting for pavilion out in field across from the Nature Center. Bay Trip canceled due to high winds; hope to reschedule in the fall.
- Preliminary budget for FY25 - looks like we may have funds to renovate the planetarium. Could change because the county is facing a budget crunch.

- **Nature Center- Jenna Mele**

- Field trip schedule is out, starting Wednesday there are trips every W,Th, F until early June. Ranger has laid her two eggs so she is now sitting on her wooden eggs. We don't have permits to raise redtails and they aren't viable, and the red tails don't have the know-how to raise them. Animals are all doing well.
- Shoutout to the volunteers who have been taking care of the animals while she is out.



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Old Business

• Adult egg hunt review- Kristin

- Went well! 104 registered, it was a rainy day, windy and cool at night so 89 people came. We hid 1,077 eggs and each person could find 10 eggs, so still some hidden on the trail.
- Down to 198 still on the trail and 2 gold/silver. So when you hike around Vista Trail and stream trail, etc, look for eggs and return them to the nature center.
- We made \$2,640 with 80% (\$2012) for FHBB! Everyone went home with a prize! 18 prize baskets. Everyone who didn't win a bigger basket got a prize at the end. A few people complained about the weather and mud. Made a list of things to consider for next year.

• Earth day- Maggie and Chrissy

- Planning is going well. 10-3 on Saturday April 20th. Working with the Master Gardeners on planning for space and finalizing activities.
- Dawn found Earth Day signs.
- For the food, MGs will do a bake sale and we will do a trail mix station for donations. New Native American self-guided activities. Chrissy needs volunteers to take the bark off sticks for activities.

• Gardens- Beth

- Doing very well! Meeting with all of the garden adopters to see what they are planning. Should be getting some spring color in more of the beds soon. Her goal is at least 3 seasons of flowers.

New Business

• Lisa Carroll sent out the volunteer list with people who are up to date with their background checks. If you have a badge because you work with kids, check your badge and update your background check online.

- MTBMD having work days to clean trails. Pretty muddy out there!

Announcements

- FoCRP meeting- April 23rd @ 630pm
- Next FHBB meeting May 2nd 2024 @ 7



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