

Attendees: Jay Melley, Terry Langevin, Randy Lee, Lon Pelton, Florence Barlow, Vivian Cicero, Nancy Taylor, April Vines, Carol Mac Mullen, Ford Parker, Michael Novak, Ann Allen, Al Boehm, Chris Alford, Mickey Mattei, Dawn Morgan

Regrets: Chuck Drake, Kate Lange, Steve Ryan

Absent: Tim Curtis, Debby Silliman, Linda Alexander, Lauren Grimshaw, Bill Schoner,

The meeting began at 7:04 pm in the Nature Center.

President's Report/Auction: We deeply regret the passing of one of our Trustees, Dick Dolliver. He was a positive, constructive, real asset to the Friends. He will be missed. It was voted upon and approved unanimously that he would be honored by building something pertaining to the trails which he worked on for so many enjoyable hours.

The Auction results are not in yet but the Boat did get sold. We bought 15 tickets and Randy awaits payment from those who have not paid yet.

Pancake Breakfast: An estimated 535 people attended with lines all day long! It was a great day.

Earth Day: April 25th is the day. Volunteers are needed for 10am to 3:30.

Staff Report: Our burn permit is being held in Washington D.C. for approval. Intern, Daniel Taub, currently attending Hampshire College, was interviewed and is an outstanding candidate with high levels of enthusiasm. One of his main projects will be to develop a year long speaker series on the Environment. His background on natural creatures of the earth is extensive. Transporting the physically challenged and Senior program attendees has been resolved with the purchase of 8 and 4 passenger used electric cars. The 03 account deficit totals \$6200 and it was voted unanimously that the Friends pay for the whole amount with the understanding that systems are in place to prevent future occurrences. The YCC program interviews have begun with a new contributor found for \$2,000. A Park calendar will be available on our web site in the future as well as attached to future minutes.

Treasurer's Report: \$52,000 income YTD vs \$55,000 last year. Expenses were \$10K less leaving us \$8725 to the good. Our balance is \$104,951.14. See web site for details. The report was accepted unanimously.

Shad Derby, May 16th: Volunteers are needed for start-up, booth duty and tear down. Contact Terry.

Annual Meeting: June 9th at 7pm: Notices to go out to the general membership ASAP.

Finance Committee: Attending Town meetings and stating our support of increased staffing has had an impact. One Town Council Member worked diligently in trying to get more funds to have weekend support at the Park. The Town Council is very aware that staffing is an issue and that the last 5 year decline needs to stop. Peter Souza, the Town Manager, indicated that in a couple of years, making the Educator position a full time position is feasible. Ford is getting the assistance he needs to keep the Park staffed on weekends. Thanks to everyone who participated both in person and with e-mails.

Adjournment 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Langevin, Secretary