

GFSSC Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2014

Call to order

Dave Sutton called to order the regular meeting of the GFSSC Board of Directors at 7:00pm on April 1, 2014 at The Amigo Lounge.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Dave Sutton, John Sprague, Jon Saxton, Gary Gillis, Bill Cady, Dale Schaeffer and Adam Derby. Also present Liz Sanders, Dave Simpson, Stu Smith, Dave Farris and Judy Farris.

Minutes from last meeting

Liz Sanders read the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Bill Cady, seconded by Gary Gillis. 0 opposed, motion passed.

Treasurers Report

- Treasurer's report from John Sprague shows a balance of \$43,301.71 in the Stockman bank checking account.
- There were no questions about the treasurer's report.

Membership

- Membership report from Stu Smith showed a total of 1134 members.
- There have been many calls re: membership processing and renewals and when people can receive the gate combos.
- Questions were raised about taking online applications and being able to take payment through the website. Dave Sutton will do some research into the cost involved.
- There was some discussion about the time it takes for membership renewals to be completed. Stu Smith explained the process. There was also talk of hiring a caretaker who would be at the facility full time and able to accomplish some of these tasks. The discussion was shelved until more research can be done.
- It was pointed out that the Board needs to focus and finish the projects currently in process before starting something new.

Website

- Website maintenance is on hold. The link to Facebook from the website is not functioning.

Grants

- Nothing new.

Building, Construction & Maintenance

- BHS- If weather holds the gravel on the road and the bays will be completed by Friday April 4th 2014.
- Adam Derby discussed the cost for a new facility. To include a common area, a classroom and separate buildings for each club. They are waiting for the weather to improve. Bids so far have come in between \$4.2 and \$8.7 million. Geo-thermal is out of the question as it is too expensive. This will be re-visited with each club and the Board will take a look at the bids at a later date.

Correspondence

- Nothing new.

Newsletter

- Nothing new.

Old Business

- The gate is still not fixed. A quote of \$750.00 was received by Dale Schaeffer from Specialty Ironworks to replace the gate with a similar one and use the existing posts.
- Stu Smith questioned how much it would cost to repair the gate instead of replacing it. It was suggested the gate was damaged beyond repair.
- **A motion was put forward by John Sprague to go with the bid of \$750 to replace the gate and submit the bill to the person that hit the gate. Gary Gillis seconded. 0 opposed, motion passed.**

Budget Committee

- The 2014 budget was submitted to the Board by the budget committee.
- Bill Cady & Dave Sutton will be talking to Beaumont in regards to having the roads re-graded. Dave Farris will also talk with Geranius.

- **A motion was put forward by Jon Sutton to have the Budget Committee's report added to the Treasurers report going forward, seconded by Dale Schaeffer. 0 opposed, motion passed.**

New Business

- There was discussion as to whether checks as well as cash should be accepted for membership fees at the orientation meeting. **A motion was put forward by Bill Cady to begin accepting cash and checks for membership dues at the orientation meeting. A receipt book will be used and all will have dual signatures. A copy will go to John Sprague. Seconded by Adam Derby, 0 opposed, motion passed.**
- Dave Simpson was present to request that funds in the budget be protected each year for education use. The reason the complex has a 501(C)3 is because the bylaws say one of the primary goals of the complex is to provide education. Dave had sent emails requesting this be done, he spends many hours preparing these classes and there is always the possibility that funds will not be available since they currently come from the general fund. Dave was frustrated by lack of response from the BOD to his email, only 3 members had responded. An email was sent to the membership explaining that there may be no classes this year. Dave Sutton said these things need to be brought to the Board meetings not discussed by email. In the past the Board had used email to let the Directors know in advance of things that they would like to discuss at the BOD meetings.
- **Jon Sutton made a motion to add a line item in the budget for education, any funds earned by education classes will be spent on future education. John Sprague to provide a report to the Budget Committee each year showing how much is earned and spent. Seconded by Adam Derby, 0 opposed, motion passed.**
- There is a problem with bounced emails. The free email system currently used will kick out "anti-spam" email addresses and is not compatible with all email providers. If a better system is needed it will have to be paid for.
- Stu Smith discussed that the fillable PDF form on the website is completed, but if any changes need to be made the complex will need to purchase the software at approx. \$150.00. **Dale Schaeffer made a motion to have Stu purchase the software and give the receipt to John Sprague for reimbursement. Seconded by Jon Sutton, 0 opposed, motion passed.**
- There was discussion about the safety deposit box, and moving the items in it to the fire safe in the complex classroom. It was thought that currently Tim has both keys. No decision was made.

- Adam requested that someone let him know when the gravel was done so the unsafe ditches could be filled. John Sprague said not to do this as it will cause flooding in the garage.
- Dan Crawford received some figures of approx. \$3-\$5K to get things started at RBA. The Board will take some time to mull this over.
- Jon Sutton stated that discussion of the 2013 budget meeting was forgotten at the annual meeting. Also the fact that to gravel the road would cost \$70k+ and that the complex was unable to do this. He also mentioned that if a complex member asks to see the budget it is made available to them.
- An update was requested about the issues with the Farmer that was mentioned at the annual meeting. Bill Cady has not been able to get in touch with the Farmer. Also the land division of the FWP in Helena is backed up. Under the contract with the FWP they are responsible for taking care of the leases.
- It was mentioned that fixing the main road in to the complex should be a priority. No help will be received from the County.

Adjournment

- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm by Dave Sutton. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 6, 2014, place TBD.**
- **Minutes submitted by: Liz Sanders**
- **Approved:**