

**Lower Mountain Fork River Foundation**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

October 15, 2011  
Stevens Gap Pavilion  
Broken Bow Lake

**Directors Present:** Patrick Waters, Bill Leinberger, L. C. Cross, Jim Kelly and Mike Love

**Members Present:** Donny and Linda Carter, Main Hutcheson, Mike Henry, Sandy Maris, Linda King, William Sawyer

**Guests Present:** Cheryl Baldwin, Sally Sawyer and Bobby Howard

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by President Waters. He noted low attendance of board members, but a quorum was present. He thanked Linda King and Mike Love with the help of Bobby Howard for cooking the catfish dinner.

Secretary Cantrell was absent so the minutes of the June meeting were not read. President Waters said he would get them approved via email to the board members at a future date.

In the absence of Treasurer Tom Atwood, Dr. Waters gave a brief detail of income and expense since the June meeting. Since it was noted that a large amount sat in accounts earning little to no interest, motion was made by Jim Kelly, seconded by L. C. Cross, to ask Roger Turner to look into other ways of investing the funds, determine how much should be invested and report back to the board for consideration.

Membership Chairman Jim Kelly reported on the current status of paid annual and lifetime members for 2011. There are currently 26 lifetime members and 58 paid annual memberships totaling 94 for 2011, down from 111 in 2010 and 102 in 2009.

Although there was no representation of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation present, Dr. Waters informed us of discussions with supervisor Buck Ray.

- The ODWC recently lost a stream tech so they are short handed in getting any of the projects completed or worked on. They have been authorized to hire replacements in the near future.
- It is anticipated that the ODWC will again stock Zone II and III this fall as soon as the water temperatures fall.
- It is also hoped to have a couple of boot cleaning stations completed in the fall.
- There was discussion concerning a delay by the USACE with regard to the cleanout of the reregulation dam. Dr. Waters had talked with Buck Ray and learned (after approval of the project by the ODWC and the USACE earlier this summer) that the

USACE currently has issues with the project. Mike Love offered to contact our local ODWC Commissioner Mike Bloodworth about the project.

- The ODWC had been asked to bring in dirt and seed for grass to grow at the Cold Hole. The ODWC has also set this project for fall or next spring.

Beavers Bend Park manager Jim Miller was also not in attendance to report on projects in the park. In a discussion with Pat Waters, Mr. Miller gave brief answers to the following concerns.

- He was asked to consider moving the generation light from near the restaurant to somewhere in view of the 3-way stop sign by the offices. Not going to happen.
- It was reported the radio tower was working well and the park rangers are very happy with the reception they receive.
- Mr. Miller indicated to Pat Waters that the park is in the process of obtaining bids to build handicap access walkways at the bridges at the Evening Hole bridge and the Beavers Bend Fly Shop. These are tied in with the new footbridges for Spillway Creek and will be all one deal. Still waiting on answers.
- There was some concern that bikes are being ridden on the walking trails along Spillway Creek. Mr. Miller said the trails were actually multi-use trails and the bikes were permitted. It was noted that it could be a danger to pedestrians.

There was some discussion about our vibert box project which had been delayed due to possible cutthroat virus. Once the problem is resolved, the project will resume. Our thanks to Tony Kirk for his efforts in implementing the project. Tony has asked to be relieved of this responsibility due to other time obligations. Roger Turner has agreed to assume that project.

President Waters showed everyone the revised logo that Eric Jackson worked on. Once a couple of corrections are made, the logo will be available to use on other fund-raising endeavors. The logo was liked by everyone in attendance.

In the absence of Jesse King and Rob Woodruff, the One Fly 2012 was briefly discussed and noted that the event will take place on Saturday, February 25 with the same time and rules as 2011.

Pat Waters reported the LMFRF's involvement at the Orvis Days event held in Dallas on Saturday, October 8. Rob Woodruff had given a report to those present at the event about the favorable fishing conditions of our trout stream and of the work effort by the LMFRF.

At this time there was discussion about the rotation of board members. Since term limits were unclear, it was suggested that Teri Pearce, the original LMFRF secretary might be able to answer this. In the meantime, it was noted that Joe Lanza, Roger Turner and Tony

Kirk were scheduled to come off the board in 2012. Terry Will was also scheduled to come off, but had resigned and was replaced in 2011 by Mike Love, but the position was rotating off. Dr. Waters asked if there were other names to consider and there were none. Sandy Maris was elected to replace Joe Lanza and the other directors asked to remain for another term. Therefore, the 2012 new directors would be Roger Turner, Tony Kirk, Mike Love and Sandy Maris.

In new business, Main Hutcheson began discussion of the warm water conditions of Spillway Creek and the possibility of adding a longer snorkel to alleviate the problem. Dr. Waters had previously discussed this situation with Buck Ray and he liked the idea. After much discussion it was determined that this project needed to be addressed.

Donnie Carter asked for thoughts on getting colder water to the bridges at the Evening Hole and Beavers Bend Fly Shop. It seemed to be the consensus that there was not a viable solution for this.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Linda King for Ken Cantrell, Secretary

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