

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Lower Mountain Fork River Foundation**  
**October 12, 2013**  
**Stevens Gap Pavilion**  
**Broken Bow Lake**

Directors Present:

Patrick Waters, Chairman  
Tom Atwood, Treasurer  
Jim Kelly, Membership  
David Dillow  
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Chris Schatte  
Roger Turner  
Mike Emerson  
Bill Leinberger

Others Present:

Linda King  
Roberta Brister  
Eddie Brister (Advisory Board)  
Lew Duckwall  
Main Hutcheson  
Eric Jackson  
Erica Elliott  
Frank Griffith  
Danny Black (Park Ranger)  
Noel Flowers (Park Ranger)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Waters. It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting, taken by L.C. Cross, were not available for review. This item would be visited at another time. Linda King agreed to take minutes of the meeting in the absence of Secretary Ken Cantrell.

Treasurer Tom Atwood gave a detailed accounting of the Foundation's financial status. He noted that the bank accounts totaled \$139,564.

Jim Kelly gave a report on the current membership status which includes 31 lifetime members and 55 annual dues paid. He noted the total was 8 more than 2013.

Park Ranger Frank Griffin gave a short report with regard to the needs of signage and better GPS coordination. He reported that an elderly couple had gotten lost and that the park rangers struggled to find them. The park rangers were requesting seven units, chargers and base as well as GPS tags to do locate them through Zone II.

Frank reported that the Boy Scouts were blazing trails and had picked up trash on Spillway Creek. It was reported that the foundation had paid for their fuel expenses.

Frank also reported that the building of the new Nature Center was making good progress and is hoped to be finished by spring 2014.

There was no representation from the ODWC at the meeting but Chairman Waters reported back to the board and members that there would be changes in the 2014 Oklahoma Fishing Regulations that would have a better definition of "bait". It was also confirmed that the trout stocking would continue to be every three weeks. He also reported that the proposed new signs and kiosks were currently in process.

At this time Chairman Waters asked for recommendations for a new board member to replace outgoing director Sandy Maris. Lew Duckwall was nominated by Mike Emerson, Jim Kelly seconded the motion and there was no objection. Lew would assume the position in January 2014.

Roger Turner gave a report on the Vibert boxes that were set to be planted in mid-November. The eggs had been impregnated and they would call just before shipping. There were several members and

directors on standby for that call.

Erica Elliott announced that she had bumper stickers for the LMFRF made and would be selling them to the fly shops and various other businesses in the area. The cost of each sticker is \$5 of which Erica would donate \$1 to the foundation.

There was much discussion about the necessary of having a better web site. It was the consensus of the group that the web site be more user friendly. Eric Jackson reported that the web site was currently in blog format and would need to change to a web look. Management was a concern and Eric noted that all board members can contribute to the site. It was noted that no links had been added. It was suggested that a content coordinator be appointed to help with keeping a calendar. Erica Elliott volunteered to be that calendar coordinator. Motion was made by David Dillow to approve Erica as the calendar coordinator and the motion was seconded by Mike Emerson. There were no objections.

Pat Waters reported to the board that the Jackson Hole One Fly Federation had requested we discontinue the use of the term "One Fly" for our annual trout tournament. And since that notification after discussion via email, the board opted to use "Mystery Fly". The first Mystery Fly would be February 22, 2014.

Chairman Waters started a discussion to amend the existing LMFRF Mission Statement. Since we have funded Project Healing Waters and Reel Recovery, as well as the Oklahoma Forestry Youth Camp, it was felt that there should be some rewording to include such causes. The current wording includes enhancing and enjoyment of fishing on the lower Mountain Fork River. There was much discussion as well as opposition from Roger Turner to making these changes. Jim Kelly suggested that we expand the wording to include such causes. Tom Atwood motioned that the Mission Statement be reworded to include philanthropic endeavors. However, the motion was not acted upon. Mr. Atwood then motioned that the subject of rewording be tabled for further consideration and discussion at a future time.

Roger Turner opened a discussion about the current quorum policy. There was discussion, but no action taken.

Lew Duckwall, representing Project Healing Waters, discussed the need for additional funds to fund them through June 2014. He emphasized the need for the program to help with the struggles of the veterans who participate. David Dillow made a motion that \$3500 be set aside to fund PHW. Mike Emerson seconded the motion and there were no objections.

Mike Emerson, representing Reel Recovery, reported that the October 13-15 event had fifteen participants and was overall very successful. He thanked the foundation for its support both financial and for its volunteers who help each cancer participant. Mike said he has plans for a second retreat in 2014. One for the spring and another again in October.

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

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Linda King, in the absence of Ken Cantrell