

**MINUTES OF SCHEDULED BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER FOUNDATION**

October 4, 2014

5:00 PM

**Stevens Gap Pavilion
Beavers Bend State Park
Broken Bow, OK 74728**

Board Members Present:

**Pat Waters, Chairman
Tom Atwood, Treasurer
Jim Kelly, Secretary / Membership
Lew Duckwall
Mike Emerson**

Advisor Board Members Present:

**Eddie Brister
Rob Woodruff**

Members Present:

**Aaron Brister
Cathy Atwood
Linda King
Donny Carter
Linda Carter
Martin Weaver
Jerry Hendon**

Guests Present:

**Mike Carter, Park Ranger
Bruce Shirey, Park Ranger
Frank Griffith, Park Naturalist
Jay Reich, State Trooper / Marine Enforcement Division**

Jenny Woodruff
Scott Floyd
Robert Mooney

Dinner was served at 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Chairman Pat Waters.

A copy of the minutes for the June meeting was distributed to all. Tom Atwood made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Mike Emerson and approved by all.

Tom Atwood gave a financial report. In rounded numbers we have 2014 income to date of \$8,000.00 and expenses of \$38,000.00 resulting in a deficit of \$30,000.00. Our current cash balance is \$93,000.00. Exact amounts and specific line items are available upon request. Mike Emerson made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Lew Duckwall and approved by all.

Jim Kelly reported that we currently have 34 lifetime members and 53 paid annual members for a total of 87 members. This is 1 more than at the same time last year. Chairman Waters requested clarification on a question raised by Jim Kelly about a disconnect between securing new and renewal member information and getting that information into the *MailChimp* email system. Chairman Waters said this would be resolved when Pat Chapman is back in good health.

Frank Griffith, Park Naturalist, discussed:

- The electrical service for the new aquarium has been approved and is being installed.
- The electrical service for the TV / video board is on hold pending determination of requirements and exact location.
- The video will be a looping 2-3 minute presentation rather than the originally planned 10+/- minutes.
- Tentative delivery of the aquarium is three weeks away per Pat Water's discussion with the vendor.
- Frank advised of his upcoming schedule so the installation can be properly coordinated.

Mike Carter, Park Ranger, discussed:

- The GPS markings on the trout stream are virtually complete. These markings assisted in a rescue earlier this week. Thank you to LMFRF.
- A discussion ensued about signage on the river that could clearly prohibit watercraft. Mike will discuss with Jim Miller as will Pat Waters. This will not likely be overly restrictive as Jim Miller and the State of Oklahoma feel the park should be open to the public (note there is no park admittance fee) for all to enjoy.
- Another discussion covered the washed out foot bridges, upper and lower, and the status of their replacement. After several attempts through a design and bid process it has been decided that the upper bridge will not be replaced. The lower bridge will be replaced with a single span bridge (no center columns) with no firm construction date established.
- Mike made a request to the LMFRF for assistance in purchasing binoculars to replace those the LMFRF furnished 7-8 years ago. These are worn and outdated compared to current technology. They are requesting \$2,400.00 to purchase five pair of Vortex binoculars from Bruton's in Broken Bow. The board will take this request under consideration.
- Mike introduced Bruce Shirey who is a new Park Ranger.
- Mike also introduced State Trooper Jay Reich who is in charge of lake patrol in southeastern Oklahoma. Jay briefly described his duties and responsibilities.

No area Game Warden was in attendance to offer a report.

No representative from ODWC was available so Pat Waters brought us up to date on pending projects, activities and questions:

- Jay Barfield, our great ally and supporter, has been promoted to a Stream Biologist position. Good for him and his future but bad for the LMFR since he has been relocated. Don Groom is attempting to get him back in his area.
- The gravel project for the Evening Hole will be done the week of October 6, 2014.
- No work is planned or scheduled for Lost Creek at this time.
- The additional boot washing stations are still in the works with no firm installation date.
- Replacement and special LMFRF purchased trout, approximately 1,500, have recently been stocked in Zone 2. No additional trout will go in Zone 2 until November-December.
- Issues continue with stocking in lower Spillway Creek due to staffing shortages and the unwillingness of drivers to take the truck across the creek.
- The contract to stock trout is about to expire and new bid documents are being prepared. It remains to be determined if the present vendor wants to retain this

contract and if the previous vendor chooses to be more competitive in this round of bidding.

- The state has completed their work in defining bait / soft plastics and the new regulations will be very specific.
- Chris Schatte has offered to donate eleven weeping willow trees for the Cold Hole area and assist in planting them. Don Groom wants to accept this donation but postpone planting for a few months.

Pat Waters then reviewed pending LMFRF activities and projects:

- David Dillow will take over the Vibert Box program from Roger Turner who has resigned as a director. David and Roger will meet to ensure the continuity of this program. The project is on track, projected again for November.
- There then followed a discussion about a new director to replace Roger Turner. Jim Kelly made a motion, seconded by Tom Atwood, that we nominate Martin Weaver for this position. All approved. He will serve a three year term expiring at the end of 2017. Martin's phone is 405-808-7116 and his email is okieflier@att.net.
- There then came a long discussion about director's terms and the expiration of the terms of current members. This was later brought up in the "old business" slot so the entire discussion is covered here. The terms of Ken Cantrell and Teri Pearce expire at the end of 2014. These board seats will be unfilled as we search for qualified and willing candidates. Our bylaws do not state these positions must be filled. The current directors will rotate off the board or be re-elected at the end of the calendar year indicated.

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| Mike Love | 2015 |
| Mike Emerson | 2015 |
| Jim Kelly | 2015 |
| Chris Schatte | 2015 |
| Mark Lewis | 2016 |
| Lew Duckwall | 2016 |
| Bill Leinberger | 2016 |
| David Dillow | 2016 |
| Pat Waters | 2017 |
| Martin Weaver | 2017 |
| Tom Atwood | 2017 |

- Chris Chatte was not present, thus no Streamwatch report was available.

- The garbage can project is still in limbo as we search for suitable size cans to utilize the bags we have purchased. Rob Woodruff suggested expanding our search to include “bear-proof” containers since we will face that situation in the not so distant future. Pat will continue the search using this new criteria.
- The ongoing saga of the website continues. Pat Chapman is ill at this time. When she is able we will pay her to assist in meeting our objectives.
- The subject of purchasing spawning trout was brought up, only to discover that this had previously been approved.

Lew Duckwall reported briefly on the Project Healing Waters retreats and the great healing stories they are producing. After this week more than 100 vets have come to the LMFR including eight lady veterans. Lew thanked the LMFRF for their support and encouraged us to continue.

Mike Emerson asked our new director, Martin Weaver, to bring us up to date about Reel Recovery. Martin outlined activities to secure participants, Fishing Buddies and sponsors to continue the retreat at Broken Bow and thanked the Board for their continued support. He discussed the plans for the next retreat which is next week. Volunteers are always needed.

On the subject of old business, Jim Kelly brought up an additional question about the director’s term limits which was incorporated into the previous notes.

On the subject of new business Martin Weaver told of a raffle for a Rise fly rod to benefit Reel Recovery. He sold the remaining twelve chances immediately.

Linda King announced the dates for the LMFRF meetings in 2015. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 28th / Mystery Fly

June 27th

October 3rd / Cook Out

Chairman Waters adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

