

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

**February 26, 2011
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
The Heritage Center
Beavers Bend State Park
Hochatown, Oklahoma**

Board Members Present:

Sandy Maris, President
Tom Atwood, Treasurer
Ken Cantrell, Secretary
Pat Waters
Eric Jackson
Teri Pearce
Roger Turner
Tony Kirk
David Dillow
Jim Kelly
Lawrence Cross
Mike Love

Advisor Board Members Present:

Sid Ingram
Rob Woodruff
Jesse King

Members Present:

James Lane
Ken Rawls
Main Hutcheson
Linda King
Peggy Ingram
David Gwyer
Bob Dietrich
Doug Robichaux
Ryan Brassell
Rachel Neyrey
Rick Mangus
Lynn Mangus
Dick Mangus
Michael Mercurio

Keith Hampton
Sean Polk
Scott S. Floyd
Christian Floyd
Jim Floyd

Guest Speakers and Park Personnel:

Jared Vanderpool
Jay Barfield
Mike Carter
Jim Miller
Danny Black
Frank Griffith
Buck Ray
Suzanne Ray, wife of Buck Ray

- A motion was made and seconded by Pat Waters and Roger Turner to wave the reading of the minutes from the last Board Meeting, September 25, 2010. Vote for approval was unanimous.
- Minutes of the September 25, 2010 Board Meeting were approved unanimously after a motion was made by Roger Turner and seconded by Pat Waters.
- Tom Atwood reported the total balance of all accounts in the LMFRF was \$136,613.35. Income from One Fly Contest, February 26, 2011, was approximately \$2,198.00 with \$1,737.00 from entry fees and new memberships and \$461.00 from the sale of “mulligan flies”.
- Jim Kelly reported 68 total memberships for 2011. That number includes 25 life memberships and 43 annual memberships. We are twenty memberships behind last year with twenty-one new members and sixty 2010 members who have not renewed. General discussion of causes and remedies for lack of renewals from previous members took place.
- New Board members elected last September 25, 2010 are:
 - Lawrence Cross
 - David Dillow
 - Bill Lienberger
- Buck Ray, Supervisor of the Oklahoma Streams Management, Department of Wildlife spoke regarding the replacement of conservation pools on Spillway Creek. Ten log and 2 rock check dams have been completed. All members agreed that the quality of construction was without equal; they should hold up well even under severe flooding conditions. Oklahoma DOW employees, Jared Vanderpool and Jay Barfield were profusely thanked and commended for supervising day-to-day construction of the project. Buck reported that clean-out of the re-reg dam at the head of Zone III is still being discussed at the state level. He also reported the “Bubble Diffuser” trial is still planned in order to more accurately assess the potential

effectiveness of such a device. Buck reported that no plans have been set for handicap access to fishing but it is still under consideration.

- Jim Miller from Beavers Bend State Park reported that a grant of \$160,000.00 is in the bank designated for the reconstruction of 2 foot bridges to cross Spillway Creek. Jim has a design firm working on the project, but no word on when plans will be ready. The bridges will likely be built higher off the water to reduce likelihood of damage from future severe flooding similar to the last 2 years.
- Frank Griffith, Park Naturalist, Beavers Bend State Park spoke on litter management by the use of Boy Scout Troops. The Board unanimously approved a motion made and seconded by Roger Turner and Jim Kelly to allocate up to \$1,500.00 to assist Boy Scout troops under the direction of Frank Griffith with expenses to come for camping and litter clean-up. Teri Pearce will act as travel liaison between the LMFRF, the Boy Scouts and Frank Griffith to direct the money as needed. At least 2 Boy Scout Troops are scheduled to come this spring for clean-up. We will not need to provide money for them, but possibly for future scout troops. Frank reported plans are underway for brand new Nature Center in the park.
- Park Ranger, Danny Black reported that approval has just been received for the “repeater” transmitter to be installed on the Southwest Power Administration tower on the hill above the dam site. This will save several thousand dollars in not having to have a separate tower. Much improved communication for the Park Rangers and emergency personnel will be achieved with the “repeater”. The LMFRF has previously approved funding to assist with these expenses. Danny reported that they are now waiting on a radio frequency approval.
- Rob Woodruff reported the need to move river insect larva/pupa from Zone II to Spillway Creek in order to re-establish a food insect population for trout at a more rapid rate than would be expected naturally. The spring floods scoured Spillway so severely that Rob is not finding the number of pupa necessary to maintain a good trout population. Rob has agreed to set aside a day to move insect pupa this spring. He will need about a half dozen volunteers and the Park to open the gate at the Park Dam.
- Teri Pearce won the raffle for the L.C. Barringer split bamboo rod. There were 86 tickets sold for a total amount of \$860.00 raised for the LMFRF. Eric Jackson won the Cozy Cabin drawing for being a registered participant of the One Fly Contest and attending the board meeting.
- Pat Waters was elected President of the LMFRF unanimously after a motion was made and seconded to nominate him by Roger Turner and Ken Cantrell
- Linda King announced the Park will be full of people during Spring Breaks running from March 11, 2011 to March 20, 2011. She asked for members to assist in Stream Watch to educate visitors as to fishing regulations in the no-kill areas of the river. See Linda or Peggy Ingram for a badge and instructions for anyone who can make it. Remember to carry LMFRF cards on the river to hand to fishermen who are not members in order to increase participation.
- Pat Waters and Mike Love motioned and seconded approval of \$3,000.00 to fund this year’s Kid Fish program for second grade students from Broken Bow. Previous programs have been

broadly applauded for introducing youngsters to fishing and the outdoors. Approximately 300 students per year participate. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Mike Love and Roger Turner motioned and seconded funding of \$2,000.00 for this year's 55th Annual Oklahoma Youth Forestry and Wildlife Camp here at Beavers Bend State Park. Funding was approved unanimously. Remember we need volunteers for June 7 and 8, 2011 to assist in teaching fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing. Please let Pat know if you can be there.
- Eric Jackson gave an IT report to include what we believe the effectiveness of our website and the communication provided by Facebook to spread the word about our accomplishments.
- Tony Kirk reported he is continuing to work on attaining safe, healthy trout eggs for the installation of vibert boxes for this year. He will keep us informed so that we can assist with the implementation when the time comes.
- Pat Waters briefly discussed the re-reg dam, clean/out but no new information is available.
- A motion was made and seconded by Pat Waters and Jim Kelly to conclude the meeting. The Motion passed and concluded without dissent.
- **Next Board Meeting, June 25, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cantrell
Secretary LMFRF