

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

June 23, 2012

5:00 – 7:20 p.m.

The Heritage Center

Beavers Bend State Park, Oklahoma

Board Members Present

Pat Waters, President

Tom Atwood, Treasurer

Ken Cantrell, Secretary

Jim Kelly, Membership

Eric Jackson, Information Technology

Teri Pearce

Mike Love

Bill Leinberger

Tony Kirk

Roger Turner

Sandy Maris

Lawrence Cross

Advisor Board Members Present:

Jesse King

Members Present:

Linda King

Trini Martinez

Billy Reynolds

Main Hutcheson

Ryan Mooney

Robert Mooney

Bob Hossenlopp

Scott Schweppe

Craig Carson

Garrison Leinberger

Chris Schatte

Mrs. Schatte

Guest Speakers and Officials:

Don Groom – Supervisor ODWC
Randy Fennell – Game Warden
Mark Hannah – Game Warden

- Pat Waters called the meeting to order welcoming everyone and asked for any discussion of the minutes from the last Board Meeting, February 25, 2012. Since there were no corrections or additions, Roger Turner made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Tom Atwood and they were unanimously approved.
- Tom Atwood gave the treasury report:

\$ 13,976	income for 2012
<u>\$ 10,403</u>	expenses for 2012
\$ 3,573	Profit so far for 2012

\$140,377 **Total deposits in various accounts**

- Pat formally thanked Linda King for cooking the terrific dinner for the meeting.
- Jim Kelly gave the membership report which is attached to these minutes. Total membership as of today approximates total membership as of December 31, 2011.
- Game Warden, Mark Hannah, reported that he and Warden Randy Fennell have been busy writing tickets especially over the past 3 weeks. Recently, fifty-five tickets were given in one day alone. Ignorance of the rules and regulations has accounted for the majority of the violations in his opinion. Warden Hannah has asked for help in preparing a weekly fishing report to give to the ODWC office in Oklahoma City. Jesse King will provide that weekly report. An increased level of patrol is a goal of the wardens.
- Don Groom, the new Southeastern Supervisor of the ODWC, spoke on a number of topics. He has requested that all communication from the LMFRR be directed through him. Rather than his assistant Jay Barfield. Mr. Groom informed the foundation that there are no projects being planned that will enhance our trout fishery in the “foreseeable future”.
 - Clean out of the re-reg dam will not be allowed
 - No new restoration projects will be planned
 - Unknown if the bubble diffuser will ever be allowed to be developed.Mr. Groom had no knowledge of the boot sterilization stations that have been discussed and agreed upon for 2 years.
- The economic impact from the creel survey has been completed, but the results will not be disclosed until August. Mr. Groom stated that the state would continue to maintain existing improvements. It was not clear how that will affect the implementation of new trees, grass, and gravel for the Evening Hole restoration.
- The state has a new contract for the purchase of trout from a company in Nebraska, but we have no details on how the stocking will proceed.
- We no longer have an ODWC stream management division. Just a combination of lake, river and forest (hunting) department.

- Pat Waters stated the radio repeater tower is now working; however, the Game Wardens' radios will not pick up the signal. This is supposed to be corrected this summer. The Park Rangers' radios are working fine.
- The Cold Hole paving got completed by the state thanks in part to Mike Love's communication with local politicians.
- The Nature Center is still not completed and we don't know when it will be. Likewise, no news on when the lower foot bridge across Spillway Creek will be started. Two handicap access ramps on Spillway at Sid's bridge are still planned to be started.
- Roger Turner is working on investing \$80,000 of LMFRF funds to achieve a higher rate of return than we are currently receiving.
- Lawrence Cross reported that the new website servers are working, "tools are up" and templates are done in order to have a more information oriented website.
- Roger Turner stated that 7,000 brown trout eggs in vibert boxes are to be delivered in November. He will be contacting the volunteers that signed up at our last board meeting.
- Pat Waters reported that Rob Woodruff suggested we have monofilament collector stations on the river to help the control of used line and tippet
- Jim Kelly plans to give a report on our fishery and organization to a group of fly fishers in Lafayette, Louisiana on August 7th.
- Chris Schatte stated the best time to plant replacement trees along the Evening Hole would be in late fall and winter. Chris and his wife plan to help with the donation of some trees to replant that were lost in the flood.
- Mike Love suggested that we need someone to educate people on fishing regulations of the river. Teri Pearce suggested the foundation consider employing a person to be the designated stream watch monitor, during peak fishing periods. Since we have some discretionary funds that will not be used in the "foreseeable future" for habitat improvement. It may be an effective tool to enhance our fishery
- By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting and annual Fish Fry will be October 13, 2012 at Steven's Gap. The 2013 One Fly Contest and Board meeting will be February 23rd, 2013.

Submitted,

Ken Cantrell,
Secretary

LMFRF MEMBERSHIP REPORT / 06-22-12

TOTAL MEMBERS OF RECORD (PAID A YEAR'S DUES IN LAST FIVE YEARS)	261	
LIFETIME MEMBERS	29	SAME AS LAST REPORT
PAID 2012 DUES	64	+ 9 FROM LAST REPORT
PAID 2012 MEMBERS	93	+ 9 FROM LAST REPORT
PAID 2009 DUES + LIFETIME MEMBERS	102	
PAID 2010 DUES + LIFETIME MEMBERS	111	
PAID 2011 DUES + LIFETIME	94	