

FOSC Board Meeting

Monday, Feb. 24, 2014

Place: Home of Bruce Sidwell, 7209 Spruce Ave, Takoma Park

Note taker: Corinne Stephens

Attendees: Bruce, Corinne, Mike S, Michael W, Sarah, Wendy

1. Succession

President: discussion, recommendation to Roundtable, reply ddln.

- New President Process: Board mulls over (done), Board picks and approves the best candidate (done=Kit Gage), submits to the Roundtable (Board+Chairs+Stewards).
- Michael W will submit Kit's name to the Roundtable by email this week. The Roundtable must say yes/no by March 2.

Announce in March e-newsletter

- The e-newsletter will go out on March 4 and will include the new president info

Vice President: candidate, duties, process (Roundtable approval?)

- VP- numerous ways to handle this. Kit/new president will address the new VP steps.

2. Outreach (SM)

Database tasks remaining

-Fee for Andrew's extra work (Carl already paid in full)

- Motion to accept fee between \$1000-\$5000 (likely ~\$2500)

-Ongoing maintenance

- Kit/new president will deal with the maintenance
- The donate/join now buttons will be deactivated soon. Sarah will send Clair the wording for the "while we are down" website soon.

March 25 program: David Blockstein

- In honor of the passenger pigeon that has been extinct for 100 years.
- The e-newsletter will go out on March 4 and will include the March program info

Brochure reprint to board members

- We all received the brochures during the meeting. If you want brochures, please contact Michael W.

Signbox posting

March e-newsletter: photos of new board members & Kit

- Mike S and Corinne will send Michael a 'photo of self' in the outdoors for the website and newsletter (due Feb 28).
- Michael W will ask Terry for a photo in the outdoors (due Feb 28).

3. Treasurer (MW for VA)

Results of holiday giving

Feb. income/expense report

2014 budget approval

- The bigger projects that could use the surplus money (not in the budget): Michael will create an official form to use for the larger proposals and send to the group.
- Budget not approved: want Kit/new president to weigh-in

4. Water Quality (CLS)

Snapshot Day & Hotspots (proposed by Lori Lilly, Center for Watershed Protection)

- Examples of other Snapshot-like Days:
<http://water.epa.gov/type/rsl/monitoring/upload/volmon21no1.pdf> &
<http://montereybay.noaa.gov/getinvolved/volunteer/snapshotday.html>
- Lori plans to talk to AWS and get back to Corinne since they were also listed as partners in the grant application.
- Corinne will ask Lori for the following info (which she'll likely know after talking to AWS): exact day in May 2014, how many FoSC reps are needed, if she's OK with only surveying Montgomery County's Sligo (NH Ave border), and we are OK with this being an adult-only event- but may we also invite high school students (16 and up) since they need volunteer hours?
- Corinne will ask Lori for a proposal that should include all the info in the above bullet so we know what we are getting into. Also, how she thinks hotspots could be monitored in the future would also be helpful.
- Once the date is planned, Corinne and/or Lori Lilly will need to contact Henry Coppola (Parks' Volunteer Services & Community Partnerships Coordinator) and DEP. We likely need a permit.
- Corinne or Lori Lilly will contact Patton Stephens (FoSC) and potentially DEP and/or Parks about insurance for the Snapshot Day

Bacteria & signage

Equipment purchase

- Corinne will look into buying 3M petrifilm bacteria monitoring plates and incubator, as per Lori Lilly

5. Kit items (301-787-0187)

D&O insurance (not needed)

Volunteer liability (we have it & should renew in March)

Paid accountant (recommended)

Advocacy (she can share with Bruce)

Successor for Clair on web

Board/Roundtable retreat

6. Advocacy (BS)

WSSC update

10 Mile Run update

Bow-hunting distance (state)

Other MD legislature items?

7. Natural History (MW), Stormwater (WB), Invasives (BS for JA).

- Corinne and Michael W. will try to get in touch with Pepco about the section of Right-of-Way that isn't mowed yet (potentially Cristina Frank, PHI Sr. Environmental Scientist/Wildlife Biologist)

8. Wendy toast & cheer

9. Next meeting

- Michael will send out a Doodle poll soon. Likely will occur the end of March, at Sarah's house.
- Michael S. and Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) are next on the agenda