

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens  
Board Meeting – November 13, 2016**

Attending: Chris Hoess, Tracy Raymond, Mike Waltz, Henry Whitesel, Kent Wagner at Henry Whitesel's house.

**A) Key Dates**

1. Our next board meeting

Sunday, December 11 6:00-8:00 pm via conference call

**Conference Dial-in number: (716) 748-0224** (potential toll call)

**Host Access Code: 445962\***

**Participant Access Code: 445962#**

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

Sunday, December 4, Goat Hill – Henry leads

**B) Action Items Going Forward**

All

Tabled Agenda Items

Banquet debrief

Arrange transfer of BoF Gator to TNC shed

Molly Anderson

Workday report for Sunday, November 13, Chrome

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Post June 25 Lower Chrome workday report

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Will check with Marci about whether we need a background check for new board members or officers.

Convenes the data management committee.

Point person for science and education initiatives.

### Tracy Raymond

Will send Henry contact information for BoF's Heather (replacing Rick Hartlieb as contact)

Will write up and post to Dropbox event reports in reverse order starting with the August 13 event.

Convenes the outreach committee.

Acting Treasurer through end of 2016.

### David Ross:

Will invite Bob Gray to join Restoration and Maintenance Committee

Point person for administrative initiatives.

### Kent Wagner:

Point person for recreational uses and trail planning initiatives.

### Henry Whitesel:

Convenes the Restoration and Maintenance Committee

Workday report for Sunday, October 23, New Texas

Point person for conservation/maintenance planning

## **C) Items Considered**

### **Welcome**

Vice Chair Chris Hoess convened the meeting at 3:10

### **December Meeting Date**

December 11 6pm conference call

### **Board Nominations**

## 1) Terms ending

Mike Bertram, Kent Wagner, Henry Whitesel, MikeWaltz

Kent and Mike Waltz have indicated a desire not to renew.  
Anna Hull has resigned.

John Coberly has agreed to join the Board.

## 2) Filling officer positions

Chair -- Chris Hoess has agreed to serve

Vice Chair – Tracy Raymond has agreed to serve

Secretary – David Ross has agreed to serve

Treasurer – need to fill the position, ideally with someone who will not otherwise be handling funds for the organization.

Chris will check with Marci about whether we need a background check for new board members or officers.

## **Vision and Strategic Planning**

We accept the reality that both short term and long term planning by the Board is occurring under the creative tension of alternative individual and collective missions/visions.

There is the existing mission statement and multiple goals emerging from the strategic planning exercise.

Tracy noted a conversation in which Chris suggested we think of the organization as a source of know-how and planning that could guide the activities of partners.

And there is the recognition that many of our long-term board members just enjoy working together in the field.

## **Fundraising**

We discussed the pros and cons of setting an expectation that Board members would commit to generating (directly or indirectly) a certain level (say \$400-\$500) of funds each year.

There currently is no such expectation.

## **Committees**

Chris circulated a proposal to gradually shift our tasks to committees that overlap with, report to, but largely take over the operating responsibilities that has largely resided with the Board to date.

We will use the next few months to attempt to activate several of these committees, using the February Board meeting to assess progress.

### Restoration and Maintenance Committee

Henry as convener. Kent, Mike Waltz, and David agreed to serve. David will invite Bob to join.

Has the option of using part of January Board meeting as a working committee session

Initial goals:

- Record workday SOP's
- Individual meetings with landowners to review 2017 work day goals.
- Tentative Spring workday schedule
- Spring workday scope of work
- Liaison with TNC on Lower Chrome stream restoration project

Data Management –

Chris agreed to chair; Tracy and Bill as members

Initial Focus

- Website back end
- Maintain email list

Outreach

Tracy agreed to chair; will invite Marian, John Coberly and others to join

Initial Focus

- Identify events to raise visibility of NCP
- Explore contacts with potential partners
  - Lancaster County Conservancy
  - Natural Lands Trust
  - Lancaster chapter of Sierra Club
- Identify other potential events

**Dropbox Reorganization**

We authorized Tracy to go ahead and implement proposed reorganization of Dropbox folder structure.

**Other Business, Adjournment**

We adjourned the meeting at 5:05 with thanks to Henry for hosting.