

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

**April 23, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

**Nature Center**

**Beavers Bend State Park**

**Broken Bow, OK 74728**

**Board Members Present:**

**Pat Waters, Chairman**

**Tom Atwood, Treasurer**

**Martin Weaver, Secretary**

**Lauren Montgomery, Membership**

**Lew Duckwall**

**Mike Love**

**David Dillow**

**Chris Schatte**

**Bill Leinbereger**

**Mike Emerson**

**Phil O'Bryant**

**Advisor Board Members Present:**

**Jesse King**

**Eddie Brister**

**Rob Woodruff**

**Members Present:**

**Roberta Brister**

**Main Hutcheson**

**Chris Murdock**

**Vickie Weaver**

**Maegann Lough**

**Matt Lough**

**Jenny Mayrell-Woodruff**

**Chris Bland**

**Evan Varek**

Sue Vanek  
Colt Halley  
Garrett Johnson  
Lothar Sacks  
Teri Pearce  
Ken Cantrell  
Jim Kelly  
Linda King  
Brian Lindsey  
Willie Sulles  
Deborah Tepe  
Lenita Etetly  
Milton Foersterling  
Kevin Lovender  
*(Some names were unreadable)*

**Guests Present:**

Mike Carter, Park Ranger  
Danny Black, Park Ranger  
Bruce Shirey, Park Ranger  
Kim Overton, Park Maintenance  
Don Groom, ODWC Fisheries  
Tyler Farling, OSU Research

A total of 41 persons were in attendance.

Dinner was served at 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Pat Waters.

A copy of the minutes for the October meeting was distributed to all members prior to the meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes. Chairman Waters called for a vote and it passed without opposition.

Tom Atwood gave a financial report. This report includes the period since our last meeting on October 5th, 2015. In rounded numbers we had income for this period of \$10,526.00 . For this period we had expenses of \$27,733.00. Expenses were monies provided for donations of \$6,200, park ranger radios \$5,199.00, Drone for ODWC Game Warden, video for nature center \$7,600.00. Total amount of money the foundation current has is \$86,883.00 \$25,000.00 in

checking. All details are available from Tom Atwood. Tom Atwood made a statement that he recommends no philanthropic spending should be made this year.

The results of the Mystery Fly were announced by Lauren Montgomery: There were 30 participants. A total of \$2,000.00 was raised. Fishing was very difficult. The winner, Milton Foersterling won with a total of 6 points and 4 fish.

Membership Chairperson Lauren Montgomery reported we have 44 life members, 70 individual members, with a total of 114 members in the foundation

Park Ranger Mike Carter as for the foundation to purchase 5 miniature led yellow lights for the park maintenance vehicles. Mike indicated having the lights on the vehicles as the maintenance personnel performed their duties in the park would enhance safety of the employees. The cost per light set is \$160.00. Mike Love made a motion to purchase the lights. Tom Atwood seconded the motion. Discussion was conducted. Motion passed.

Don Groom from the ODWC was present.

- Don stated the regulation changes for the park was on hold and being stalled at the Governor's office.
- Signage in the park would be updated.
- There will not be any restoration work in the evening hole area for the foreseeable future.
- Stocking was happening but limited access to the locations. They are going to start using the 10' trailer to help get fish to limited access areas. Water temperatures in the park could affect future stocking.

Tyler Faring of Oklahoma State University Trout Studies program reported on their research. He reported they had found natural reproduction of rainbow trout occurring in the small tributaries in the park. He would be continuing his study of trout and the entomology state of the fishery.

David Dillow brought us up to date on the Vibert box program to place fertilized brown trout eggs in the river. He stated the hatch rate was about 95% this year. There will be another planting in November of this year.

Pat Waters stated that the Wildlife Departments youth summer camp will be held the 1st week of June at the park. Need volunteers to help on Tuesday and Wednesday with fly fishing casting and fishing. Please let him know if you are available.

**Pat Waters reported briefly on the Project Healing Waters activities and thanked all for the support the LMFRF has provided. He stated that the upcoming May retreat will mean more than 354 veterans have come to PHW retreats at Broken Bow.**

**Martin Weaver thanked all for the support Reel Recovery has received from the LMFRF. Martin said the next Broken Bow retreat is May 1-3, 2016 and fourteen participants are already scheduled to participate. He asked that the foundation consider continuing the support of Reel Recovery.**

**Pat Waters stated that one trashcan was lost during the floods and there is a need for an additional can. Mike Love made the motion to purchase two cans and Tom Atwood seconded. Discussion was held and the vote motion was approved.**

**Pat Waters stated that the approaches for the bridges were in sorry shape. In the past when they were damaged the foundation stepped up to the plate to have them paved. Mike Love and Pat Waters contacted State Rep. John Tadlock, once made aware of this, stated that it was in the works to get the paving done.**

**Lauren Montgomery conducted the Mystery Fly raffle. All who were paid LMFRF participants and attendees at the meeting were eligible to win. David Dillow won the ORVIS fly reel and Bob Thompson won the nightly stay at a cabin.**

**No old business items were presented.**

**Under new business Mike Emerson wanted to make a motion to consider supporting Reel Recovery and North Texas Project Healing Waters. Pat Waters stated that the motion would be considered later during an email dialog.**

**Chairman Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Martin Weaver  
Secretary**

