

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

October 8, 2016

5:00 PM

Stevens Gap

Beavers Bend State Park

Broken Bow, OK 74728

Board Members Present:

Pat Waters, Chairman

Tom Atwood, Treasurer

Martin Weaver, Secretary

Lauren Montgomery, Membership

Chris Schatte

Mike Emerson

Advisor Board Members Present:

Linda King

Jim Kelly

Eddie Brister

Roberta Brister

Members Present:

Janice Emerson

Eric Montgomery

Jessica Farling

Michael Schatte

Brian Lindsey

Deborah Tape

Jeremiah

Talia

ODWC:

Don Groom

Jay Barfield

Kyle James

Jennifer Drooby

Park Rangers:
Mike Carter
2 Other Rangers (Illegible)

Guests Present:
Tyler Farling, OSU Research

A total of 26 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 June meeting was distributed to all members prior to the meeting via email. 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. We have a total of \$83,792.00 in the bank. A detail report can be obtained from Tom.

Membership Chairperson Lauren Montgomery reported we have 44 life members, 111 regular members, with a total of 150 members in the foundation

Park Ranger Mike Carter reported that park attendance has been up significantly this summer and fall. The Red Zone signs in the Cold Hole area have been torn down and missing. Waiting new signs to be installed. Hard to enforce Red Zone restrictions without signage. Handicap access along the two bridges should be completed in the next three weeks. The trout tank is up and running. Both chillers should be working in about two weeks. Projected Cold Hole Bridge maybe be completed by mid-spring.

Drone usage – no Game Warden available. He is waiting to comply with Federal regulations in order to fly the drone.

Tyler Farling (OSU Graduate Student) reported on the stream study. Rainbow trout are reproducing naturally in the tributaries. Estimate spawning date was last February. Bug life in the tributaries is really good and improving in the spillway (mayflies, caddis, midges). Small brown trout are being caught in the tributaries.

Don Groom from the ODWC reported the following:

- New sign for Red Zone restrictions should be up in about a week.
- Several discussions on update of gravel removal.
- Discussed temperature variants in stream. Flows at 185 to be reduced to 150 CFS. Keeping temperature at Evening Hole at 70F.
- Stockings are occurring on Wednesday evenings.
- New Red Zone signs at Cold Hole to be up in about a week.
- Don mentioned the need to rent heavier duty equipment to remove larger rocks in the gravel areas. He was asked if the Board provided 25% of the money needed if he would accept it. He said yes.

A motion to donate money not to exceed \$5000.00 for equipment rental to remove gravel between Cold Hole and Evening Hole was made by Tom Atwood and seconded by Lauren Montgomery. Discussion followed. Motion carried by membership.

- ODWC is swapping hybrid bluegill for brown trout with Wyoming. Stocking should occur on October 19th. The stocking will be split between the LMFR and the LIR.
- Question was asked about the size of the rainbow trout being stocked. Don indicated the fish meet the contract specifications.

Vibert boxes are planned for installation in early November.

Pat Waters stated there are three board member vacancies.

- Bill Leinberger is stepping down.
- Martin Weaver is stepping down as Secretary and Board Member. If you know of someone interested in serving as Secretary please let Pat know as soon as possible.
- Lauren Montgomery recommended Matt Goodrich. Motion was made by Lauren to accept Matt to the board and Chris had seconded it. Motion carried.

Pat Waters reported the Foundation mugs and tee-shirts were ready to be made available. Cost of 72 mugs is \$384.00. The cost of new t-shirts through Phil will be substantially less than the last place we used. Motion made by Martin to purchase mugs and shirts seconded by Chris. Motion carried.

Pat Waters reported that Project Healing Waters conducted a three event with all amputee veterans at the end of September. Very successful.

Martin Weaver reported Reel Recovery held its seventh retreat in September with 10 participants. Mike Emerson reported Texas would be hosting a combined Reel Recovery/Project Healing Waters event in November.

New Business:

- **Discussion on the Mystery Fly Contest reference the cost. Motion by Mike E. to raise the entry fee to \$75.00 to help raise funds was seconded by Lauren. Motion carried.**
- **Discussion about selling more than one Mulligan during the Mystery Fly contest lead to a motion by Martin W to sell two Mulligans and was seconded by Lauren. Motion carried.**

Chairman Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Weaver

Secretary