

**MINUTES OF SCHEDULED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER FOUNDATION**

**February 24, 2017 5:00 PM
Forest Heritage Center, Beavers Bend State Park
Broken Bow, OK 74728**

Board Members Present:

**Pat Waters, Chairman
Tom Atwood, Treasurer
Martin Weaver, Secretary
Chris Schatte
Mike Emerson
Dutch Baughman
David Dillow
Phil O'Bryant
Lew Duckwall
Matt Goodrich**

Advisor Board Members Present:

**Linda King
Jim Kelly
Eddie Brister
Roberta Brister
Rob Woodruff**

Members and guest present: 32

Park Rangers: 5

Jim Miller, Mike Carter, Gary Hawkins, Andrew Potter, Bruce Shirey

Guests Present: 3

Tyler Farling, Joel Bjornen, Melissa Reed: OSU Graduate Research on the LMFR

Dinner was served at 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chairman Pat Waters.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been emailed to the board members. Chairman Waters called for a vote and it passed without opposition.

Tom Atwood gave a financial report. \$61,000 in three CDs dedicated to Cold Water Funding; \$24,078 in General Fund available; \$5770 income for 2016.

Membership Chairperson Lauren Montgomery – no report, absent.

Park Ranger Jim Miller reported the park's major water lines were bored under the river to help prevent future damage from possible flooding; pavement of approached to both bridges is almost complete; new Cold Hole bridge hopefully to be completed as soon as June.

Park Ranger Gary Hawkins discussed the May 2nd park cleanup by 6th graders from all over the local area. Expecting about 290 youth participants plus heavy support from local Law Enforced Agencies. Request the Foundation to possibly sponsor tee-shirts for kids at an approximate expense of \$650.

ODWC Report – Chairman Waters read a report from Don Groom. Spillway flow will be 95cfs for the foreseeable future, the intended replacement of temperature gauges in the stream is ongoing, the improved stocking access points and truck and trailer for such stockings. The Evening Hole is in the process of being restored and new signage is ready and will be posted soon.

Tyler Farling (OSU Graduate Student) reported on the stream study. His report indicated the presence of naturally reproducing rainbow trout in the stream. The presence of approximately 18 redds in the stream. Melissa Reed caught us up on the bug life. Spillway has plenty of food for the trout in the way of black flies, caddis flies, stoneflies, sow bugs. Mayflies are starting to regenerate and move up.

Pat Waters reported the Foundation mugs and tee-shirts were available for sale at Beavers Bend Fly Shop.

Mike Emerson gave a report of Reel Recovery activity in Oklahoma and Texas. Thanked the Foundation for its previous support in helping making the Oklahoma Chapter a reality.

Lew Duckwall reported the new organization Patriot Anglers would replace the North Texas Project Healing Waters chapter. The new organization has several activities scheduled throughout the year.

New Business:

- Tee-shirt support for youth cleanup. Motion made by Martin W to donate to program. Secondly by Brent F. Much discussion. Motion redrawn. Motion to match a donation of \$100 by David Dillow and second by Chris S. Motion carried.
- No initiatives for philanthropic spending this year.
- Possible scholarship for Tyler Farling. Motion to develop scholarship for OSU dedicated for stream study for the LMFR; Dutch B, second Brent F. Motion approved. Chairman will gather necessary information for the scholarship and provide board results in near future.

Chairman Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Weaver

Secretary