

## FOHR MEETING - April 9, 2009

- The Treasurer's Report - FOHR has a balance at end of February 2009 of \$5676.22

- In March, Larry Creech & Lois Martin went to Professional Trail Association Conference in Asheville:

Land managers, user community attending conference

Woody Keen opened seminar with "Good, Bad, Ugly" speech. "Ugly" was defined by the new trail at Norris (see below)

Rich Edwards, IMBA SOLUTIONS guy, said we need a trail assessment in order to get grant money - 95% of people who get grants have trail assessment.

If there's a chance of having new parks manager, a trail assessment would give him/her something more concrete about the club and park.

Lois will continue dialogue with IMBA SOLUTIONS team to get them to come do trail assessment.

Lois will work on a trail plan this summer.

Liability was a big topic at the conference.

One session featured the FATZ bike park in Augusta, Ga. and how they armored the trails.

- FOHR should go for grants, but we need specific projects/clear objectives like a new kiosk or a skills area.

Skills area - Monte Jones said he would research the potential project.

- Roller Coaster Re-route (Contour/900 trail):

Ron Englert and friends flagged section from Roller Coaster, through briars, to the Power Cut. This new trail would link one side of park to other side of park. This section is flagged with green tape.

Another section from the edge of the Power Cut heading west towards K2 has been flagged with red/orange tape. This section goes around a badly eroded fall line.

Lois walked both the green and red proposals with City Parks Supervisor on March 2. City Parks Supervisor was complimentary and approved the red re-route. The Parks Supervisor is not completely opposed to the green route; however it presents maintenance challenges and should be further studied. Lois briefly discussed the idea of using mechanized trail equipment. The Parks Supervisor was not opposed to discussing the use if/when FoHR finds it necessary.

Ron Englert reported that Brian Hann bought a trail building machine (custom bulldozer can build up to 5 miles of trails a day). A rough estimate of \$1,100 - \$1,800 a mile was given to Ron by Brian including bench cut, back slope, and finish work.

Lois encourages everyone to walk trail - just look for red or green tape. The route flagged with red tape will be addressed first.

- We have a new laminated map for the kiosk.
- Shoreline Cleanup was April 4. 26 volunteers showed up and gathered 150 bags of trash.
- KnoxVelo's Cross Country race is tentatively scheduled for July, 2009.
- Joanne Grimes also reported on the Trail Conference:

Public input is needed on a Statewide Recreation survey for Tennessee.  
To fill out the survey, go to [www.tennessee.gov/environment/recreation/plan/](http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/recreation/plan/)

- New Norris Trail:

The new multi-use trail starts at Camp Sam to High Point and will eventually go to Anderson Point.

Trail construction was awarded to unqualified trail builder.

Builder has cut in 8ft. wide road (twice the original size) with total disregard for the environment.

The trail is a total debacle and waste of funding.

Joanne showed pictures from Norris debacle.

- The date of the next FOHR meeting is Thursday, July 9th at 7:30pm at the Life Development Center.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.