

Friends of Haw Ridge January Meeting, January 22, 2009

2008 Highlights

Events

- Two trail runs
- Two mountain bike races
- One XTERRA race
- Received ~\$900 in donations from 3 events, the FoHR main source of funding

Trail Maintenance

- Participated in annual shoreline cleanup on April 5th
- Trail Day held on October 12th, 20+ volunteers with an estimated work hours contributed of 80-90 work hours
- FoHR information table at the Trek Demo Day, October 12th, raising ~\$300 in donations through membership and sock/sticker sales

2009 Objectives

- Explore idea/cost for Trail Assessment
- Re-route section of Roller Coaster trail
- Draft a Management Plan with an MOU between FoHR and City
- Continue participation with shoreline cleanup, Trail Day event
- Revise information at kiosk

Upcoming events in 2009:

- FoHR meeting, LDC, 7:30 Jan 22
- Shoreline cleanup, Apr 4 (in conjunction with River Rescue) Could get Knox Track Club to help, as well as Oak Ridge Cross Country Team
- FoHR meeting, LDC, 7:30 Apr 9
- FoHR meeting, LDC, 7:30 July 9
- FoHR meeting, LDC, 7:30 Oct 8
- Trail run is scheduled for Aug 7, 5:30
- XTERRA 20K run, Oct 11
- 12-hour Hill of Truth bike race scheduled for Oct. 31
- Fall hunt closures: Oct 24-25, Nov 14-15, Dec 5-6

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Membership: Dues are due! \$10 to remain a voting member. Send to PO box 4453, Oak Ridge, TN, 37830.

Treasurer's report: 2008 ending balance is 5,489.67. Total 2008 income is 2,092.80, Total 2008 expenses 2,446.20

Officers: Need VP and Treasurer.

Lois nominated Ron Englert as VP.

Larry Creech volunteered to be Treasurer.

Lois Martin reported on meeting with Josh Collins and John Hetrick with City of Oak Ridge Parks. Lois and Tom Dunigan went over 2008 highlights and 2009 objectives. Discussed doing a Trail Assessment (review use, consensus survey, take samples/measurements to determine if trails are sustainable). Josh said he wanted to see a management plan.

How could Trail Assessment help Haw Ridge?

- It would be very helpful as an objective assessment, depending on the cost.
- Will help us decide which trails to work on.
- No one in FoHR is really qualified to do trail assessment.
- Would offer long-term perspective.
- Should it be FoHR's responsibility?
- Could we split the cost with the city? Is there grant money available?

Lois will find out what it will cost.

Also at meeting with Josh, he said horses at Haw Ridge are a liability issue. Josh said it was a city issue. Josh is also concerned about horses on riding on Greenway. FoHR may need to replace signs at Haw Ridge with "Not recommended" with "Not Allowed".

Re-route of Roller Coaster in northeast corner: Josh said he would consider a re-route. John Hetrick would come out and see it. Ron flagged it all the way from Rainbow, follows the contour. There will be a group hike to check it out on Saturday 1/31.

Upcoming Trail Workshops:

Trail builders conference is in Asheville in March.

US Forest Service is offering chainsaw certification in March. Monte Jones said he would like to attend.

Map update: Ray and Larry are working on map.

May have a non-standard meeting in February to discuss/approve Trail Assessment. Lois will send out a message out on Yahoo group with details.