

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

April 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Shotgun Clubhouse
Benton City, WA

Board Members Present

Bert Lake, Chair

Richard Nordness - Vice-Chair

Michael Crowder - Secretary/Treasurer

Donna Raines, Member

Diana Ruff, Member

Hank Sauer, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Board Members Absent

Skip Gest, Member

Guests

Linda Smith, Mickie Chamness, Vicki Clark, Chad Ungerrect, Mrs. Ungerrect, Rick Lee, Paul Rittman, Clark Hymas, and Clarence Corriveau.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended to include two items:

- A Planning Committee report under Reports to the Board
- A discussion of liaisons under New Business

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 2012 were unanimously approved as presented.

Chair Report

None.

Staff Report

Moved to the end of the meeting.

Chili Feed

Linda Smith reported they had a low turnout for the chili feed and probably broke even, but felt that weather was a factor this year.

Committee Reports - Planning Committee

Ms. Ruff led a brief discussion focusing on the role of the Committee and the use of volunteers. In particular to volunteers, she discussed opportunities regarding trail work specifically, and other projects that would possibly be of specific benefit to the park rangers. Ms. Ruff offered a couple examples of how such a program could work and questions that would have to be answered.

Tour of the Shotgun Clubhouse and Range

Rick Lee (TCSA Operations Manager) and Chad Ungerrect (Shotgun Chairman) briefly talked about the Shotgun range as the Park Board worked its way around the building and grounds. Lee and Ungerrect talked about the state grant that provided \$100,000 in funding for the construction of the building, and they noted that completion was about 18 months ahead of their deadline. Future improvements were also discussed.

Old Business - Vehicle Travel at RMSF

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve a resolution reaffirming the policy decision made at the February meeting in regards to travel of motor vehicles at the Shooting Facility. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - Higgins Field Master Plan

Clarence Corriveau led a short discussion of the Higgins Field Master Plan, focusing on projects that were not discussed previously when the Second Runway was under consideration. Mr. Sauer complimented MAA for their organization and pro-activity. Ms. Raines also complimented the club, and asked about the standing of the current County-MAA lease. Mr. Corriveau noted that the lease expired in 2013, and Fyall said this was a good reminder to begin work on a new lease for the club, which should be for a term of at least 20 years.

The Board approved the substantive parts of the draft master plan, with the expectation that a final document be brought back for approval in May.

New Business

The Board had a follow-up, expanded discussion of the role of liaisons, making a number of points about how this would be a positive step for the Park Board. The conclusion was that the Board would move forward, and Chair Lake asked for members to submit input on various questions that were raised. No time table was set.

Staff Report

Adam gave an abbreviated oral staff report and said that he would follow with a written report on Wednesday.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in May 2012 at the Justice Center.