



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 13th, 2012 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Midge McGinnis, Debbie Levings, Celia Scott, Steve Kennerly, Leslye Wing and Karen Roberson. Additionally, members Mike Burke and Ray Jensen were in attendance. We had four guests: Park Director, Gary Groth; Commissioner Joe Laurance; and Park Administrative Assistant, Katrena Garoutte and Mike Rooney from Umpqua Waterhsheds. Board member Deb Gray was unable to attend.

AGENDA ITEMS

Guests – Gary Groth, Joe Laurance and Katrina Garoutte – Gary requested that they come to our meeting to review a very recent development. A letter was received on Monday, April 9th from Attorney S. Mountainspring outlining a plan to terminate the trust agreement and turn funds and responsibility for performing the requirements of Mildred Kanipe’s will over to the parks department. This will probably take quite some time to accomplish as it has to be approved by the attorney general. Key points discussed with Gary and Joe were:

- J. Laurance would like to see the buildings restored.
- J. Laurance and G. Groth both want to get out and see some of the back parts of the park
- Cattle lease will continue for 2012
- Trust consists of \$120,000 and has been producing \$4,000 per year
- Park requires \$22,000 per year for maintenance
- Estimate \$43,000 to be invested in park for repairs, etc.
- G. Groth is for aggressive weed eradication and spraying. Significant problem with invasive species.
- There were still grants open that Jim Lee was working on, they are hoping to continue the work he started
- Logging...A plan for sustained yield forestry is proposed. Input from the Friends was requested in developing this plan and its’ vision. It would adhere to the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Forest Practices Act.
 - Recreational value is to remain top priority
 - Ray Jensen was quite adamant about being against any logging
 - Karen Roberson was mainly concerned that no clear cut logging would be done and that open meadows not be planted with trees,

- 50 year rotational basis with small clear cuts to establish a healthy forest (2-10 acres).
 - Mike Burke to be our representative.
 - We need to advise on vision and the plan and present to Parks department.
- Leslye Wing brought up the project she is working to identify equestrian trails that need work (rock/culverts, etc.). Gary Groth told us that they would be more than happy to have this information and work with us.
 - Proceeds from any logging would be turned back into Mildred Kanipe Park as outlined in her will.
 - If this termination of trust does not go thru, then the trust rules would apply and the park would be sold. Termination of trust must go thru circuit court and attorney general's office for approval (see ORS 105.770).

Overall it was a very informative meeting and we were appreciative of the advance notice (this topic is on the monthly Parks Department meeting agenda, so we have heard it prior to them hearing it). Debbie Levings asked Katrena if we could get a copy of the letter from Attorney Mountainspring and Gary Groth's initial response.

Minutes of Last Meeting & Treasurer's Report - Due to very tight schedule and guest speakers, we did not approve or review them. Anyone having any comments should email Midge.

Bird Boxes – Two groups interested in using school groups to mount –

Janelle Wilde has a group that would like to work at the park on projects (in particular mounting some bird boxes). Steve Kennerly invited Mike Rooney (Umpqua Watersheds) to speak about the programs he is involved with. Sounds very promising. Gave Mike Janelle's contact info and emailed Janelle with Mike's contact info. Mike is very interested in being involved with the park and he will be added to our 'board meeting notification distribution list'.

\$500 Grant – Debbie Levings was successful in obtaining a \$500 grant for signs at the park from Douglas County Cultural Coalition. Check was received by John Robertson.

Day Use Signs – Leslye would still like some input from Karen on the Sheep Shed before finalizing the sign boards and having them made up. Midge has obtained two bids (new estimate from Creative Images originally obtained by Leslye and one from Fossil Graphics (who did our map sign a couple of years ago). We'll need to decide on a vendor and also talk with Gary Groth about any assistance the park might be able to give us in mounting the signs. Debbie suggested using some of the lumber we have stored in the Underwood Barn and Horse Barn.

Trail Dash – Time to start planning!

- Leslye passed around the 2012 flyer with updated ‘logo’ This logo will also be on the t-shirts.
- Leslye took inventory of what supplies we’ll need (ribbons, numbers, etc.) from what is stored at the annex.
- Leslye passed around a listing of our ‘sponsors’ from last runs and asked everyone to put their name against the ones they would take responsibility of contacting.
- Karen will check into obtaining a local EMT
- Cost of registration will be – advance registration \$20 (including shirt), registration after cut off - \$15. T-shirts, if available on run day will be \$15. The \$10 will be our cost.
- Blackboard that we borrowed from Yoncalla Feed last year may not be able to be obtained. Yoncalla Feed has gone out of business. Leslye will see if the phone number is still operational and if they have the board for us to borrow. Midge is also going to check with a friend to see if they have Yoncalla Feed owners name/number. This person also MIGHT have a white board or black board we could borrow if we cannot get the Yoncalla Feed one. (FYI, Midge’s friend does not have a board...they are actively using it. Matthew and Lisa are former owners of Yoncalla Feed – 849-3115).
- Midge is probably not going to be available on the race day due to family coming from Indiana for the 4th of July week.

Energy Fair/Earth Day – BIG thanks to Celia, Mike and Debbie for taking this on this year in Deb’s absence.

School House/Grant Updates – Debbie continues to work on some grants. We’ve received some roof and window restoration bids. Now for some \$\$\$’s! ☺

MISCELLANEOUS

Annual Meeting – By-Laws – Midge discovered that our by-laws state that our annual meeting is supposed to be in September at the Park...oops. This is when we’ve historically had a picnic (not held in 2011). Going forward we’ll skip the March ‘annual’ meeting and move it to the September time frame and to the park. None this September since we had the annual meeting last month.

EVENT DATES

April 21, 2012	Energy Fair/Earth Day
May 21, 2012	Adopt-A-Highway
July 7, 2012	Mildred’s Trail Dash

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be on **May 4th, 2012** at Lane House at 10 a.m. at Lane House Annex.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.