



## **MINUTES**

### **Friday, April 19, 2024**

**Attendees:** Mike Burke, Deb Gray, Ron McMullin, Karen Roberson, Midge McGinnis..  
Absent – Steve Kennerly, Lesley Wing (also Rene Burk unable to attend)

#### **Arborist:**

Rene will contact arborists when she returns from California. Karen Roberson will attempt to contact Limb Walker (Jim) to see if they are interested. Will also see if they can chip the branches still in orchard since they will be working at her place.

We will try and plan an Orchard day event possibly in September. Karen had an apple press, but we will have to try and find somewhere to get additional apples as the Kanipe Orchard trees will not produce enough. Karen will touch base with Rene on this plan

#### **Mission Statement**

The official statement filed with state in our By-Laws does not say ‘we’ manage the park. Discussed officially shortening it, which would require submitting changes to state . Other idea was to just shorten it when used on any brochures, etc. (with a notation that this is an ‘abbreviated version’ Appears current web page version matches the ‘official’ one. Apparently there was one that had the misleading statement in it that caused confusion. We will table this until next meeting.

#### **School House**

Steve was not in attendance, however, Ron had spoken with him so that Ron could fill us in.

Ron placed plumbs in school and one has moved slightly. Plan is to just keep them there and watch them periodically as the wet and dry conditions of the land will cause some movement.

Steve is still trying to figure out how to submit a LARGE grant request covering the last few phases.

Right now getting the building painted is high priority. Perhaps Zak would contract to do it. Karen has about 10 gallons of the white paint left from previous painting that should be okay.

Blackberries around school need to be cut down and then sprayed to prevent regrowth.

**Visitors Guide** – We have taken an ad out in this guide again this year.

**Citizens Award Dinner (5/5 – 4 p.m.)**

Deb is definitely attending and Midge will also go. Might have a 3<sup>rd</sup> person, which may be a last minute decision. Deb will purchase 2 tickets now (to be reimbursed by Friends).

**School Fence:**

We will check out cost of woven fence and Karen will check to see if the brace posts are still capable of being used.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- Deb will arrange to have 500 brochures printed.
- Bridge – Still an open item.
- PAB Meeting – per Karen they only hold PAB meetings once quarter. Next one will be in May. We would like someone to attend to bring up topics of water, cameras, bridge, rest rooms, etc.
- Water in day use area. Lack of water will discourage users and events!  
Suggested that if people contact us about arranging for events, that we continue to steer them toward the county but also suggest they ask county about water and rest room in day use area when they call county.
- Suggestion made that perhaps we can have a meeting with Kelly with topics of picnic tables, bridge, water and rest rooms.
- Secret Wine Society has voiced an interest in having an event at the Park.  
Without running water and restrooms, this will make it almost impossible to hold an event there. Suggest that Secret Wine Society approach county about this.  
Hope is that if it is not just Friends pushing these issues, maybe outside ‘pushes’ will show a valid reason for these repairs.
- Mowing at day use area. Needs it badly.

**Trail Collaboration**

Trail collaboration group (Roseburg Oregon Equestrian Trails, One Source Serenity and Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park) have put together a Project Plan. Part of the plan does mention grants. Karen thinks she has seen some and will look again. Rusty from One Source probably knows of many. Work will be quite massive and probably will require contractors to complete.

**Park Event Hosted by Friends:** The following events are tentatively and/or confirmed for the park:

(Deb will keep this list up to date and post information on Facebook as event gets closer.)

May 18 – Hike (Birds)

June – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Stream Simulator (confirmed)

July – Farm yard focus

August – Nothing planned  
September – Orchard focus pruning – Apple Press  
October – History tour (note sheepdog trials are schedule for 10/25)  
November – Hike (general)  
December – Nothing planned. Collect scions from trees for grafting?

**NEXT Meeting and Upcoming Events:**

April 28, 2024 – First Citizens Award Dinner  
May 3-5, 2024 – SAR Training  
May 10, 2024 – Friends will do a workday to clear Nature trail, around Mildred’s House and oil benches.  
May 18-19, 2024 – Geocache  
**May 31, 2024 Next Meeting (Day Use Area)**  
June 15, 2024 – Stream Simulator Demo  
August – Vintage Street Fair (we hope to have a presence at it again this year)  
September 23, 2024 – Adopt a Highway  
October 25, 2024 – Sheepdog Trials  
Woofstock & Music Off Central (dates?)

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