

Fair Hill Nature Center Board Meeting of May 14, 1997

Attendees: J.Campbell, W.Ide, J.Hendricks, L.Klevans, K.Aspinwall, H.Hannum, K.Phillips, R.Carroll, D.Clower

Meeting called to order by Jim Campbell at 7:05PM

1. A review of the March for Parks event was held. This was considered a huge success for the first time it was held. **The Board unanimously thanked Jerry Hendricks for his efforts on this event and especially for talking us into having it:**

- It was agreed that we would send letters of thanks to all the sponsors. Karen is having Sue write the letters.

- The following moneys were collected:

Walkers/marchers	\$3,473.00
Horsemen	\$1,007.00
Bikers	\$ 300.00
Food sales	\$ 160.00
Gift shop	\$ 188.00
Sponsors	\$2600.00
Total	\$7728.00

- Karen is tabulating the final amount on expenses. Since it is agreed that we are going to host this event again next year, she suggested that we leave some of this money in the March for Parks checking account to get us started . **Motion was made , seconded and approved to leave \$1,000.00 in the checking account to cover next year's start up expenses.**
- It was decided that we should send a copy of the "Habitat" to all marchers. This would serve as a way of thanking them and informing them on the accomplishments of the event.
- September 10th's board meeting has been set aside as the kick off meeting for the 1998 March for Parks event. It was agreed on that we would host a party in October for all the Team Captains to thank them for this years work and to get them started for next year.

2. Holly gave a report on the school and summer camp activities. The school is going well. The 175 available spots for the camp are filled. There are a few remaining spots for the Junior Rangers and Art camps. We have five scholarships

that were donated by the North East Rotary club and the Rising Sun Garden Club. Holly asked how we should decide on who gets these. It was decided that she should call several school principals and let them select an eligible student for these scholarships.

3. Karen reported on a meeting with officials from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. We were notified that things might change in the future but that they should remain the same for next year. The CBT official will attend the May 20th meeting with the county school principle to see that everything goes well.

4. Karen reported that we have not done anything with the Mr. Foracre memorial money. She took the action to generate a list of possible uses for this money for the next meeting.

5. **The annual meeting will be held on Sunday June 22, 1997 at one o'clock at the nature center.** We will make this a picnic. All Board members are encouraged to attend. Elections of new Board members will be held. Robert and Keith have agreed to run for another term. Jerry said that we needed a minimum of six spots filled but we could use more. Our by-laws call for a minimum of 14 Board Members.

6. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to remove Laura O'Leary from the Board for her inability to attend any meetings. Jim took the action to write her a letter.**

7. Jerry made a suggestion that the Nature Center purchase decals for members to put on their cars. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase 500 decals for approximately \$275.00.**

8. Karen handed out the most recent financial report. Our expenses exceeded our revenues as was compared to last year at this time. The ratio of expenses to revenues had improved over the past year but it was agreed that we must work on correcting this condition.

9. It was decided that we should pursue working with Linda Walls for future fund raising ideas. Keith was given the action to submit the agreed upon Mission Statement to Karen. This would then be forwarded to Linda for her comments.

Meeting adjourned by Jim at 9:35PM.

No meeting on June 11th