

**Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails
Organizing Committee Meeting**

Oct 21, 2015

7 – 8:30 pm

Presbyterian Church

7718 NE 141st St, Kirkland, WA 98034

MEETING MINUTES - Approved

Action Items

Topic	Who
Sept meeting minutes to Frana	Nicholas R
Notify Frana that by-laws were approved, and to please publish on King Co Parks website	Jeanette
Email to annual meeting organizing committee to get things rolling for Feb meeting	Joe P
Apple Orchard Project Nov 9 at 10 am	Janice
Apple Orchard Project Nov 9 at 10 am – please communicate with your contact groups	Everyone
Facilitate next meeting	Gary J
Notes at next meeting	Volunteers?

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance:

- Organizing committee: Jeanette Leach - Walkers, Janice Gerrish - At Large, Bob Gerrish - Dog Walkers, Joe Przychodzen - Neighbors, Nicholas Rhodes - At Large Gary Johnson - Dog Walkers, Mike Dierken - Walkers
- King County Parks: Mike Crandall
- Community: None
- Facilitator: Group
- Meeting Notes: Jeanette Leach

- Not in attendance: Bill Blanchard – Neighbors (notice provided in advance) , Mark Garnick - Mtn Bikers (no notice)

- **Meeting business**
 - A quorum was established.
 - Sept minutes approved with edits already on google.docs **ACTION**: Nicholas will send to Frana.
 - KC Parks Update – Mike Crandell
 - Maps – Mike C reports that the laser etched maps on 2’ x 3’ x 2 ½ milled cedar are still on the action list after talking with his supervisor. Parks has milled the planks already. Prototypes on plywood were not acceptable for posting in the park. 3 maps will be made. One will be on the kiosk. One at the south end west side (W-55) and one at an unidentified location on the east side.
 - Environmental and Adventure School project on Oct 22 to close E 32 to E 48 by planting willow sticks and piling large gnarly piles at the beginning of the trails. E

48 to 38 and E 48 to 40 are slated to be closed on the Trail's plan, so the EAS project will progress as far as time and materials allow.

3. Organizing Committee Operations

- By-Laws
 - Reviewed addition for description of KC Parks' role. A question was asked whether King County Parks can veto a proposal, and although not specifically mentioned in those terms in the by-laws, the answer is yes.
 - Discussed attendance and whether the bylaws should mention a requirement for a minimum attendance (e.g. 6 meetings per year) even if the absence is excused. The group decided that the rule about 7 of 9 members can vote a person out is sufficient. In addition, it was discussed as there are two reps for each interest group, the reps should communicate and ensure that at least one rep (or proxy) is present every meeting so the progress is not stalled with lack of quorum.
 - **MILESTONE: By Laws Approved by 100% of those in attendance.**
 - **ACTION: Jeanette to alert Frana so she can publish on King County Park website.**
- Annual Meeting
 - Group agreed on mid February.
 - Mike D pointed out that notice needs to be sent out at least 30 days in advance of meeting (so mid Dec would be a bad time!)
 - The Annual meeting will have elections. One of each interest group will be up for election. Interest group reps should talk between the two of them who is up for election. (Mike Dierken volunteered (begged) to resign).
 - Discussed whether by-laws should be changed to have annual meeting in February. No decision made.
 - **Action: Joe to send out Email to get organizing committee rolling**

4. Trail Project Planning and Implementation

- **Trail Markers & Maps project update –**
 - Location of markers near trails on east side – Troy reported that #1 – too close; # 9 – too close to trail; #15 – too close to tread; #30 - in weird spot (the location stake for this one was move by vandals so it is not where intended)
 - Mike C gave an inventory of marker status:
 - Posts are gone at 5, 6, 31, 40, 42, 46, 47, 48,
 - Numbers are gone at 1, 2, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 35, 38,
 - Another project for repair is needed, in addition to numbers and poles, vandal plates may be needed on some of them.
 - Next phase we will use gorilla glue on the numbers (and screws?)
- **Orchard Restoration Project**
 - Sept 25: Mike C, John T, Janice, Bob, George and Jeanette met to review the project. Three apple trees were identified as the core of the apple orchard project. The initial work will be to clear the blackberry vines in circles out to the drip lines of the trees, dig up as many roots as possible, mulch with chopped blackberry vines and straw (if needed) The NW apple tree has a companion

hawthorn that will be removed. In the spring when the soil is warmer, clover seed (or other acceptable ground cover) will be put down.

- Oct 10 in a torrential down pour, four energetic humans made progress resulting in major bb vines between and under 2 ½ trees being cut down. Some of the vines have been cut in 6 to 12” segments as mulch. Some have been stacked. Roots have not been removed yet.
 - **NEXT APPLE ORCHARD WORK PARTY:** Saturday Nov 9 at 10 am in the Orchard, to continue clearing blackberries and start digging roots. Leather gloves, pruning tools and a few tools for roots (shovels, pitch forks) will be needed. 10 to 15 is about max for the area. Parks can provide some tools if needed, let Mike C know.
 - **ACTION:** Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails members please communicate with your contact lists.
 - **ACTION:** Janice to be in charge of organizing the work party.
- **Eagle Scout Project Update –**
 - Grant Heisey (Eagle candidate) and Mark Garnick (committee contact) were not present.
 - Mike Crandell says he did not hear back from Grant in response to a recent Email inquiry.
 - No progress on the rock garden since the last meeting; Jeanette checked the morning of the meeting (10/21).
 - Mike Crandell says that normally a King County Parks’ signature is required on an Eagle Scout project performed in King County Parks
 - **DISCUSSION:** A number of members were concerned about the lack of leadership shown by Grant and do not consider that he has demonstrated leadership and communication sufficient for approval of the Eagle Scout status.
 - **ACTION:** Troy will communicate with Grant and Mark whether the project will be completed. If not by Grant, then it will move the top of the list of available projects.
 - **Hall Pass Project –** Troy reported no progress has occurred. More precipitation needed.

5. Next Meetings

- November Meeting: Nov 18th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Inglewood Presbyterian. Church Choir Room **GARY JOHNSON WILL FACILITATE.**
- December Meeting: Dec 16th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Inglewood Presbyterian. Church Choir Room
- Discussion about December meeting and lack of attendance last year. Suggestion to have it at McMennamins in Bothell, Mike Dierken will buy a round.