

FOHC MEETING – September 8, 2003

Judge Stohrer Skating Lodge – Emery Park

Chairperson Mary Weinman is ill and has designated John Sly to run the meeting in her absence. John call the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He stated that he will excuse himself if any pertinent issues arise and John Kaney will stand in temporarily as Chairperson. He passed out meeting agendas prepared by M.Weinman. It has been requested that in the future all FOHC meetings be tape recorded and it was asked that someone bring a tape recorder in October. The Minutes of tonight's meeting will be recorded by Linda Tarnawskyj and Jean Jablonski.

Minutes from 8/13/03: Linda Caley sent in correctons to the previous minutes. These were read by J.Sly. (Per M . Weinman they are “attached” as read, not approved.)

Commissioner Jasinski and Project Manager Burt Lyon are not in attendance tonight. There is no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mary Domanski from Finger Lakes Trail Conference/Foothills Trail Club wrote that she will not be able to attend meetings on a regular basis but will send Cheryl Slesinski who has volunteered to be their representative at FOHC meetings.

- Linda Caley sent an e-mail to Chairperson Weinman saying that she will not be in attendance tonight. She has requested that an audio tape be used at all future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

. Parking Lot and Adjacent Trail Update – Tom Caley is not in attendance. No report given.

. Trail Projects - Jon Sundquist and Peter Tarnawskyj report that the first trail maintenance day is Sunday, September 14, 2003. Meet at the Centerline/Vermont Hill lot at 10 AM. Bring work gloves. Tools will be supplied. John Sly will handle registration. Safety instructions will be given before the work actually starts. Permission slips are not needed by the DEC. Commissioner Jasinski requests a letter stating the work that will be accomplished with a cc: to Burt Lyon. Jon Sunquist will handle this. Another trail maintenance day will be scheduled in early October.

. Kiosk Report – Jonathan Moscato is not in attendance. No report given.

. “Concerned Property Owners” Proposal for Stabilization and Maintenance of Buffer Zone - Richard Corsi had a diagram/map to submit to the County showing their proposal for buffer zones. There was some discussion re: closing of the buffer zones. This matter will be tabled for a future meeting when there is representation from County government.

. John Sly started a discussion re: illegal tree stands in HC, semi-private utility land in HC, illegal ATV traffic. This was tabled to a later date. All decisions will have to be approved by the Parks Department and Erie County government.

. Establishment of formal FOHC Committee with a request for designation of member and alternate from each group – Mary Weinman sent word that she is in the process of sending out invitations to all on the designated list. This matter was tabled until the October Meeting.

. Eagle Scout Project - Michael Campenella showed pictures of various kiosks in other parks. It was agreed that a kiosk - thought only a temporary one - was needed. At this juncture, the most important factor is to get “information to the public” that comes to use HC. Information re: history and rules would have to be given to Michael. There were no objections to the project as given. FOHC recommended that Michael pursue the project after he receives approval from the County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Project – Steven Smolarck was introduced. He would like to establish a “tranquility trail” off the lower parking lot approximately 1.5 miles in length. This trail was recommend in the Master Plan though the exact location was not defined. His

project would entail making the trail user friendly, wider with easy to follow markings. The consensus of FOHC was that Steven should ask the County to designate a “tranquility trail” and give him approval to lay out the project.

. Potential Eagle Scout Service Projects – John Sly was to report. Tabled.

. Development of a “stewardship” agreement between Erie County and FOHC . Tabled.

COMMENTS:

. Peter Tarnawskyj said that he spent many hours in the woods with trail consultant Rich Edwards last November. He learned that there were good and bad ways to build trails. He suggested the possibility that Jon Sunquist be given five minutes at each meeting to talk about how to correctly build trails so as to educate everyone.

. John Kaney stated that a lot of things were to be proposed tonight but had to be tabled. He recommended that some one from the County be in attendance at all meetings. He also stated that there had to be authority other than FOHC to enforce rules in HC. It was mentioned that Commissioner Jasinski has said that no one is to confront an abuser but rather take down information and give it to him or EC Sheriff.

. Pete Campanell suggested that Undersheriff Tim Howard, who is a resident of Wales, be invited to the FOHC Meetings.

. Jon Sundquist mentioned that there is a form of Bike Patrol that has been modeled after the National Ski Patrol. Commissioner Jasinski has shown some interest in this concept.

. John Kaney has suggested wording for signage in HC: *“Protect Your Rights to use this Park. Respect “Private Property” signs.”*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, OCTOBER 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM at South Wales Memorial Building on Emery Road.

Tonight's Meeting ended at 8:14 PM.