

**Friends of the Little Miami State Park
Online General Board Meeting 07-08-2020
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Steve Murphy

Introduction of Members and Guests:

Board members present: Bruce Cortright, Dick Feldmann, Ron Gorley, Steve Murphy

Board members absent: Rick Forrester, Becky Retzer

ODNR: Melissa Clark

Guests: Larry Bloomfield

Approval of Minutes from 06-10-2020:

Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Feldmann

Cash on Hand:	5/31/2020	6/30/2020	Change +/-
Unrestricted	\$34,805	\$33,768	(1,037)
Restricted	9,589	9,676	+87
Safety	7,826	7,835	
Memorial bench	1,207	1,841	
Trail maintenance	556	0	
Reserved	7,052	6,302	(750)
Pollinator garden program	1,350	1,350	
CPA Bob Straum	750	0	
Corwin Shelter	2,202	2,202	
Spring Valley crosswalks & signs	1,000	1,000	
Rt. 123 crosswalk	1,750	1,750	
Operating Account	9,059	7,409	(1,650)
Savings Account	42,331	42,337	+6
Receivables	56	0	(56)
Total	\$51,446	\$49,746	(1,700)

Treasurer's Narrative: Dick Feldmann

- Financial Statement for June sent to board on July 4th.
- Federal 990 is finished and was e-mailed to Board. Janet has posted to the website. Board will vote to accept the 990 at a future date.
- Transfer of excess funds from Jerry Mertz and Robert Tureen memorial bench restricted donations to unrestricted funds: \$817.

Treasurer's Narrative: Dick Feldmann (continued)

- Major income items:
 - Donation of \$460 from Gary Gross in memory of Allison Thomas. This is extra funds from the Allison Thomas memorial bench installed in Loveland in May.
 - \$1000 to general fund from Backman foundation.
- Expense items approved and paid:
 - CPA Bob Staum: \$750
 - Green Umbrella for trail usage monitoring and new counter: \$5,235
- Motion to pay for another year for the mid-North tool cache at CCC, Store N Lock for \$900. Motion: Dick, second: Bruce, passed unanimously.



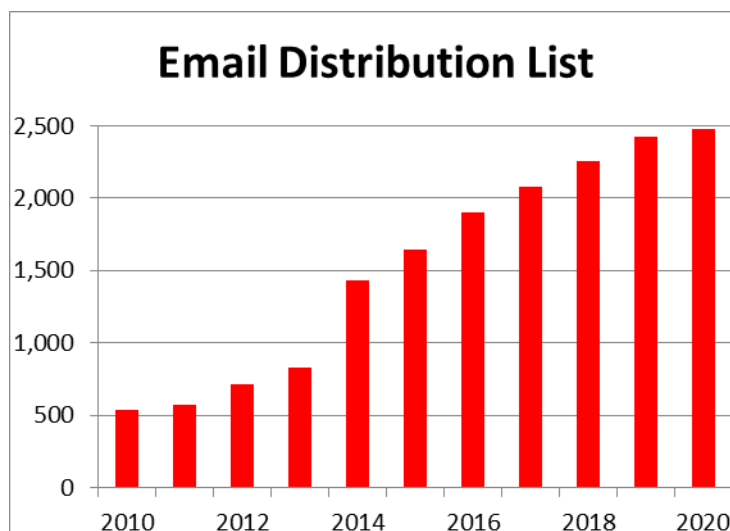
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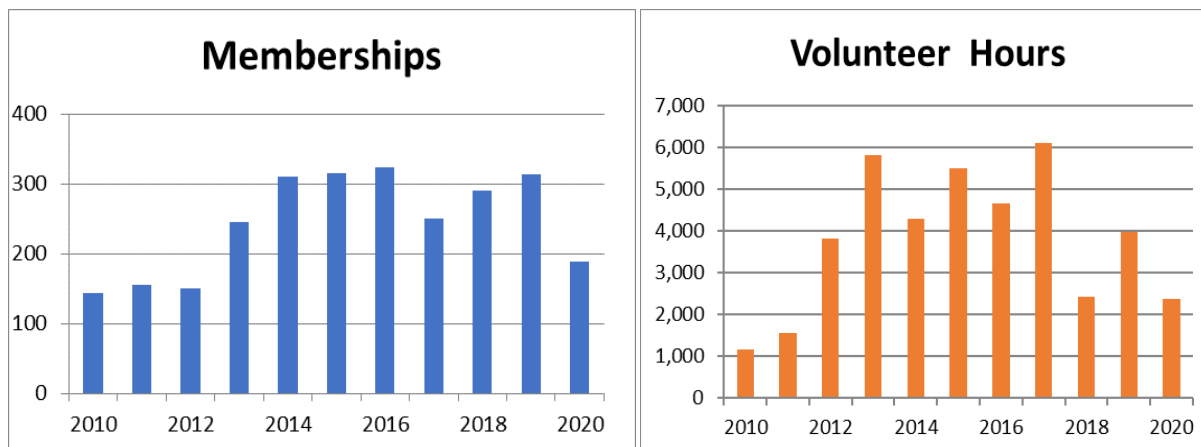


ProfitandLoss_June 2020.pdf

Metrics: Steve Murphy (5 min)

	<u>05/31/2020</u>	<u>06/30/2020</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Email Distribution List:	2,477	2,498	+21
Memberships:	188	221	+33
Same time last year:	191	203	+12
End of year 2019:	318	320	
Volunteer Hours:	1,693	2,379	++686
Facebook "Likes":	1,437	1,452	+15
Facebook "Followers"	1,534	1,550	+16
Twitter followers:	51	51	+0





ODNR - Melissa Clark

- Permanent staff is back in full. Seasonal staff is permitted to be filled now, but all positions not yet filled.
- O'Bannon Creek bridge feasibility planning meeting occurred. Trail will need to be closed for a few days in order to assess. After assessment, will understand the extent of repairs necessary (repairs not funded).
- Flooding north of Beech. Issue known, but not funded.
- Mather's slip. Issue know, but not funded.
- Foster's slip repair is complete.
- YouTube of people jumping from bridge into the river has been forwarded to the Enforcement Division.
- Should FLMSPP bias toward only submitting Individual Volunteer Agreements for people physically working on the trail or more broadly for all active volunteers? Answer - all volunteers.
- July 2020 - June 2022 capital budget is complete in the legislature, but has not been allocated to individual parks.
- Kyle has made contact with South Lebanon to see if they can provide gravel material to fill in the berm along the newly repaved section south of Morrow.

FLMSPP

- Annual Meeting. Delayed to 4Q 2020 due to Covid-19.

At our May 5, 2019 Board meeting the following slate of candidates will be put forward and approved:

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| • Steve Murphy, President | 2-year term | 2021 |
| • Ron Gorley, Vice President | 2-year term | 2021 |
| • Dick Feldmann, Treasurer | 2-year term | 2021 |
| • Becky Retzer, Secretary | 1-year term | 2020 |
| • Bruce Cortright, Member at Large | 2-year term | 2021 |

- Rick Forrester, Member at Large 1-year term 2020
- Open, Member at Large 1-year term 2020

So there are 3 Board members up for reelection in 2020 and 4 in 2021. Tom McCray is not standing for reelection.

Larry Bloomfield and Judi Schneider originally expressed interest in the interim Board position. Judi has not communicated lately, Larry has.

Motion by Steve: Appoint Larry Bloomfield as interim board member until the next election. Seconded by Dick. Passed unanimously. Welcome Larry.

- Trash Cleanup. Lauren Skinner
 - This 12 year old girl scout has offered to pick up trash along the entire length of the Little Miami Scenic Trail.
 - Ron Gorley. "We are in the midst of updating our volunteer requests and trash collection is one of the activities we plan to add. We have had only partial success with adding trash cans. That's a long term commitment for a volunteer to empty it every week or so. At present, the only can we manage is at Grandin Rd in Kings Mill."
 - Suggestion for Ron to communicate to her the presence of Poison Ivy along the trail.

Events

- Helmet Day June 27. Don Hahn.
 - All 59 helmets given away in 90 minutes. Complaints that no one remained in the afternoon when some people showed up.
 - 33 volunteer hours for 9 people
 - Plan to repeat next year with more helmets

Trail Safety

- Flashing Stop Signs. Ron Gorley.
 - Discussion regarding possible locations. Agreement that Fosters is the first priority. Other potential locations include Route 123 (Morrow), Wards Corner and Route 126 (Miamiville). Need more observations of these locations before we can prioritize next location.
 - Motion: Allocation of not to exceed \$2,500 for the purchase of two 30" flashing stop signs, with timers and upgraded batteries and solar panels to be installed at the Fosters intersection. Allocation includes funding for shipping and installation. Funding to come from the Safety restricted funds. Motion by Ron, seconded by Dick, passed unanimously.
- Re-paint Mile Markers.
 - Ron will paint Mile Markers 29.0, 29.5, 30.0 and 28.5 (newly repaved section)
- Trail Sentinel Program. Don Hahn
 - 186 hours for 6 sentinels so far this year

- 12 people active

Trail Culverts/Drainage

- Beech St. Bruce Cortright.
- The township has completed a drainage survey and sent to ODNR with recommendations for culvert replacement. ODNR is currently reviewing.
- Graffiti. Dan Berling seems to be winning the battle at Little Miami Bridge.

Amenities

- Web Site. Steve Murphy.
 - Our current web site is over 10 years old. The “core modules” at the center of our web site need to be updated to get us another 5-10 years. Our web master Rod Martin has submitted a quote for \$1,000 to do this work --- there will be no changes in what the user sees.
 - Motion: Authorize spending of \$1000 for Rod Martin to update the core modules of our website. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dick, passed unanimously.
- Spring Valley kiosk and port-o-let. Dick Feldmann
 - Concrete slab and three-sided enclosure for the port-o-let is approved by Spring Valley.
 - The kiosk is delayed due to zoning issues. Dick is working with George McGowan to resolve.

Volunteer Recruitment, Onboarding, Recognition

- Volunteer Steering Committee sampled Volunteer Impact software from the company Better Impact and concluded it was very robust and powerful, but that the administrative burden was too much. Decision to not pursue further.
- Have also looked at SignUpGenius.com and dismissed as not suitable. Other software options exist - may or may not look at them at this time.
- Dick Feldmann is going to participate in a 90 minute QuickBooks online class for \$69.
- John Biederman will continue as the volunteer coordinator, providing the initial contact with new potential volunteers.
- Don Schwitzer has begun as communication coordinator to insure volunteers get plugged into areas of interest.

Meeting Schedule.

Future General Board Meetings will be online using ZOOM until the current COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed. The next General Board Meeting will be August 12 at 6:30.

The Annual Meeting will be postponed until the current CVD-19 restrictions are relaxed. Tentative is November.