

Friends of The James River Park



Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Present: Molly Dellinger-Wray (President), Ken Hopson (Vice-President), George Wickham (Treasurer), Ralph White, Sue Cecil, Greg Velzy, Anne Wright, Ches Goodall, John Zeugner, Winnie Cannup, Sandy and Bill Cook, Christie Deonan, Jeff Gilio, Richard Taranto

Absent: Ralph Hambrick, Temple Martin, Jason Deonan, Mary Wickham

Old Business

1. **Treasurer's Report** – *George*: \$17,638.95 as of March 14, 2006
2. **Membership** – *Molly*: A couple new members (need *internal* list)
3. **Survey** – *Jeff*: Volunteers still needed. June has holes. Ken is keeping online roster up-to-date.
4. **Conservation Easements** – *Ches*: David Hathcock, of the Va. Outdoors Foundation, says the ball is in the Dept. of Public Utilities court. There is a meeting June 12. *Ralph*: Public Utilities needs to write their own easements. The problem is inaccurate acreage using original maps. No surveying planned.
5. **Signs**: *Ken*: Digital copies have been provided to Molly for printing.

New Business

1. **Membership** – Ken asked about adding a membership list to the web. Board decided to keep the list internal ... possibly adding to e-letter. George and Molly to work on membership renewal program.
2. **Ralph Report** –
 - Fires being started by revelers on Belle Island. Proposes phone calls by FOJRP to J.R. Pope and Kathy Graziano asking for extra security Memorial Day weekend, as a pro-active message to those who would abuse river privileges throughout the summer.
 - Train that wrecked on Earth Day damaged the parking lot fence at the 14th St. Takeout.
 - Trip to England (Richmond on the Themes) postponed until September.
3. **Funding Loss** – John Z reports that the money offered annually to FOJRP by Peak Experiences through the Richmond Parks and Recreation Foundation may be channeled instead, into a salary for a new RPRF President.
4. **Jesse Reynolds Award** – Charles Poole is nominating Charles Price. FOJRP will second the nomination. http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/parks/article_Jesse_Reynolds_Award.aspx
5. **Expense** – Ralph asks for \$5000 to complete the Hampton Street Bike Ramp. Approved.
6. **Events** June 10th
 - James River Regional Cleanup <http://www.jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com/cleanup/cleanup.htm>
 - Starts in the Parks <http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/showArticle.aspx?artID=A03080D0A>
 - FOJRP Annual Picnic at the Pumphouse – Absolutely not allowed to be an 'indoor' event. Tours of fifteen may be given. **Ralph to verify approval for outdoor event through official channels.** FOJRP pays for food (Chicken). Board members to bring ice and drinks. Jeff to bring tables & chairs. Sue to bring tablecloths, cups, paper plates, plastic utensils, etc. Ken has lined up same musician as last year. **Who to bring insect coils?**
7. **Next meeting** – June 20th, 5:45 Park HQ