MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FRIENDS OF HAW RIDGE PARK, INC.

October 7, 2013

The Board of Directors of Friends of Haw Ridge Park, Inc. (“FOHR”), met at the Life Development Center in Oak Ridge, TN on October 7, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Steve Dittner, President, and it appearing that a quorum of the Board was present, the meeting continued for the conduct of business. A number of other members of FOHR were also attended. Those present were Steve Dittner, Chris Martin, Daniel McFee, Monte Jones, Molly Robinson, David Green, Doug Colclasure, Mark Rodriguez, Ron Englert, Steven Meitner, Cassie Meitner, John Burkhart, Adam Kerley and Ben King.

Steve Dittner began the meeting by expressing thanks to AMBC for all the help on Saturday 10/5/13 at the FOHR work day. Additional thanks were extended to Randy Conner for supplying a large work boat, and to Larry Creech for supplying his boat for the work day. A lot of trail work projects were completed, and some of the work will help with the projected course for the 12 Hour Race at the end of the month.

The Treasurer’s report was e-mailed by Lois Martin due to a scheduling conflict, and it reflected a bank balance of $5,576.68, exclusive of $62.60 due to Larry Creech for supplies. Lois reported filing with the IRS for 2012, but she was having a problem completing IRS filings for 2010 and 2011.

There was a discussion of selling FOHR jerseys or a wicking shirt as a fund raiser. Steve Dittner will get some numbers and report.

Steve Dittner made a motion, seconded by Chris Martin to close part of the old Soccer Trail, which was re-routed at the spring work day. The motion was approved, and new signage is on order for the re-route.

Much discussion took please regarding possible trail projects, including Red Shore to South Shore, a bridge on West Shore to solve a dip or hole problem, and Ridge Trail to V Trail and Middle Road. There was discussion about a new trail rework of Ridge Trail on the North side of the ridge, using more of a contour trail.

Extensive discussion was had regarding the new Washing Machine Trail. It was construction on part of the old K2 Trail, which had been abandoned by FOHR years ago. Due to the ambitious trail design, Steve Dittner referred the independent trail crew to Jon Hetrick at the City of Oak Ridge. The City approved the construction of the trail. FOHR did not build the trail.

Washing Machine has been extensively groomed and reworked by the trail builders, many of whom attended the meeting. The trail now has better flow. The trial will become a significant feature trail for Haw Ridge Park, and a lot of fun for very experienced mountain bikers. Steve Dittner moved to have expert rider only signage erected at the top and one way signage erected at the bottom of the trail. The motion was approved without opposition.

The discussion about Washing Machine Trail spurred a discussion about the interface of FOHR and the City. New user groups at the park will be encouraged to work through FOHR, but Jon Heatrick is open to more new trails at the park.

The meeting concluded with a discussion about the very confusing and wordy signs the City of Oak Ridge has erected in the park and along the Melton Hill Greenway. Signs erected by FOHR will be more direct and to the point.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Martin

Chris Martin, Board Secretary