

**FOMNRR BOD Minutes**  
**Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 1:00 PM**  
**National Park Service Conference Room - Yankton**

The meeting convened at 1:05 pm with introductions of Milt Haar, the new Chief of Science & Resources Management for the NPS-MNRR. Nine BOD members were present, plus one attending by phone. BOD attendees included Tim Bellis (phone), Jarett Bies, Tim Cowman, Bob Foley, Pat James, Paul Lepisto, Stephanie Moser, Don Nelson (phone), Dave Swanson, Randy Teboe, Shannon Wright and Barbara Yelverton. Rick Clark, Milt Haar, Teresa Mentzer and Daniel Peterson attended as National Park Service representatives from the MNRR. Bradley Mahon, Don Noecker and Beau Purviance also attended as visitors.

*Membership Update* – Stephanie Moser mentioned that we had one new member join since the June 2016 meeting. We now have a total of 44 members in all categories, including 28 individual and family memberships and 16 corporate sponsorships at the bronze, silver, and gold levels.

*Finances* – Stephanie Moser mentioned that the current (June 2, 2016) FOMNRR balance was \$3,147.01. Of this total, \$1,477.86 is dedicated to Missouri River education events.

*Annual Report to SD Secretary of State* – Rick Clark noted that he had received a request from the state for this report, but that this request should go to an officer instead of him. The report essentially consists of a list of officers, so the report will be submitted by the end of the month by FOMNRR Treasurer Stephanie Moser.

*Updates on Recent Events* – The Lake Yankton Outdoor Festival on June 18 wasn't as well attended as we had hoped. Too many competing events were going on in the Yankton area that day. The *Fort to Field Paddle Battle* took place on July 9, with 76 participants.

*Activities Spreadsheet* – Bob Foley brought up the idea of developing and maintaining a spreadsheet of Missouri River activities and the number of people reached by each activity. The idea would be to include all events occurring on the MNRR, not just those sponsored by FOMNRR. This would facilitate reporting, recruiting and grant-writing efforts for the FOMNRR, but would require a volunteer to maintain the database. As a caution, we need to make sure to work closely with other organizations so that the FOMNRR doesn't get credit for another organization's event. Further discussion occurred regarding how to maintain the database so that all appropriate events are included.

Action Item: Paul Lepisto will create a draft spreadsheet and circulate it to BOD members for review and comment.

*Sierra Club Canoe Trip* – Barbara Yelverton mentioned that the group, with 12 participants from around the U.S., had accepted her invitation to camp at their ranch on the evening of September 6, 2016. The FOMNRR BOD is invited to join the group that evening. This will likely be a good event to help raise national awareness of the MNRR, as well as a good audience to gauge perception about the Park in terms of pre-trip planning and information presented from various sources (e.g. website, brochure, social media, etc.)

*Updates on FOMNRR Membership and Fundraising* – The thank you letter to members has been distributed. Invitations to join FOMNRR have been included in the Yankton Chamber of Commerce e-Newsletter and sent to the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce list.

Don Noecker visited with the Hartington, NE, Chamber of Commerce President and was invited to give a presentation on the FOMNRR at the Chamber meeting, which he did. The FOMNRR acquired the Hartington Chamber list. Information is typically distributed to their membership via a local TV station, so the FOMNRR has been invited to develop a slide show presentation to be broadcast on the station.

*Basic Fundraising Agreement and 2016-17 Work Plan* – These documents are required by the NPS and the Fundraising Agreement draws upon the Work Plan, so the Work Plan needs to be developed first. Daniel Peterson emailed a draft Work Plan to BOD members prior to the meeting and gave a brief review of categories and activities in the plan. Discussion followed. The deadline for having the FOMNRR Work Plan and Fundraising agreements fully finalized and in place is October 1, 2016.

*Fundraising Policy/Membership Statement* – Paul Lepisto presented a revised draft policy statement adding some language to the policy stating that accepting membership dues or donations from an individual or organization does not imply endorsement of the beliefs or policies of that individual or organization by the FOMNRR or its members. Discussion followed.

Action Item: A motion to approve this amended policy statement (Nelson/Wright) passed unanimously.

*FOMNRR Board of Directors Updates* – The BOD still needs a government representative from Nebraska, and efforts to attract such a member have failed to date. Paul Lepisto approached a member of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resource District about joining. Two Lewis & Clark NRD members (Bradley Mahon and Beau Purviance) visited the meeting today to learn about the FOMNRR group. An FOMNRR representative is invited to give a presentation at the next Lewis & Clark NRD meeting on August 1, 2016.

*Update on ROSCOE project* – Teresa Mentzer reviewed outreach statistics for the ROSCOE (River Odyssey for School and Community Outreach and Education) project. As part of the 2016 NPS centennial celebration and “Every Kid in a Park” initiative, the program was presented to 360 students and teachers from Yankton and the surrounding area this past spring. Plans are in place to expand the program outreach during the upcoming academic year. Discussion occurred regarding how we could use the program as a possible vehicle for raising funds and awareness about the FOMNRR. Selling sponsorships for the ROSCOE program was discussed as a potential avenue for this purpose.

A ROSCOE coloring book is currently being distributed in association with MNRR outreach efforts. A sample book was circulated at the meeting, so that the BOD could see the sponsor sign-post purchased by the FOMNRR on one of the pages of the book.

*FOMNRR Website Update* – Tim Cowman provided updates on the use of corporate sponsor and business logos on the FOMNRR website. Discussion followed and focused on how logos can be used on the site for future events.

*Clay County Park-Mulberry Bend Corridor Project* – Tim Cowman noted the SDGF&P has granted permission for FOMNRR to install signage and to mow trails along the river in the Frost GPA area. More details on progress of the project will be forthcoming at the next FOMNRR meeting.

*Yankton Riverboat Days Parade* – Rick Clark urged members to volunteer at the Riverboat Days Parade on August 20, 2016, in Yankton. The NPS and FOMNRR will have a presence at the parade and during the remainder of the event. Volunteers are needed to help staff a FOMNRR information and membership drive table/booth for 2-hour periods during the event.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.