

**FOMNRR BOD Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 2:00 pm**  
**National Park Service – MNRR Conference Room – Yankton**

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm. Board members present include Tim Cowman, Susan Heggstad, Pat James, Barbara Yelverton, Bob Foley, Dennis Menke, and Paul Lepisto (via phone). Daniel Peterson, Rick Clark, and Teresa Mentzer attended as National Park Service representatives of the MNRR. Don Nelson also attended via phone.

Agenda was approved unanimously, following a motion by Yelverton and a second by Foley.

Minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Foley, and a second by Menke.

Reports:

Financial and Membership reports – Treasurer Bob Foley provided a review of the first several months of 2018, highlighting growth of membership.

Membership Recruitment report – Dennis Menke reviewed recent and upcoming efforts.

Grants report – Tim Cowman and Teresa Mentzer shared recent efforts made with grants, including receiving a Vermillion Area Community Foundation grant for Frost Trail signage, a grant submitted for the Recreational Trails Program through the SDGFP, as well as a North Face grant application for the Frost Trail project.

Landowner Communications report – Pat James shared information regarding communications, including preparations for an upcoming event aimed at landowners on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Missouri River Events report – Paul Lepisto shared info regarding 2 completed events since last meeting, as well as the Invasive Species Awareness campaign underway (82 packets dispersed thus far). The Lake Yankton Outdoor Festival and Homestead Day Event will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion is underway for a possible clean-up event on the 39-mile stretch of the MNRR.

Old Business:

Planning continues for this year's Annual Meeting including review of last year's event, possibility of combining efforts with White Pirogue events. Committee formation began.

Review of plans for Summer 2018 newsletter regarding more succinct content, budget, and a tentative deadline of July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

New Business:

Rick Clark shared with the board the potential of the NPS in-kind program Challenge Cost Share Grant, due on May 25<sup>th</sup>, with discussion focusing on where emphasis should lie. Interest was primarily with building awareness of trails/Wild Scenic River system to capitalize on the partnership with FOMNRR. There was a motion to allow Teresa and the NPS office to submit an application reflecting this

partnership, with \$2000 of FOMNRR funding as the match, by Tim Cowman. Seconded by Barbara Yelverton. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Clark also shared with the group recent publications by the NPS – Park Foundation document and Administrative History.

Dan Peterson and Dennis Menke shared with the group recent efforts underway for a new version of the MNRR coloring book and the funds outstanding.

Dan Peterson and Teresa Mentzer shared their upcoming plans for the ROSCOE Junior Ranger Academy, which will run every Friday in June in Yankton and every Friday in July in Vermillion, at a variety of locations to encourage youth participants in outdoor activities and education. Board participation is encouraged and \$575 in financial support solicited from the organization. A motion to repeat support of the program was made by Barbara Yelverton, with a second by Bob Foley. The group discussed making participants 'Junior' members of the FOMNRR, with organizational info sent home with them. The motion was then amended to reflect this qualification by Bob Foley, with a second by Pat James. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Announcements:

NPS shared a desire for greater board involvement at MNRR events.

Rick Clark shared an upcoming Capacity-Building workshop as being of potential benefit to our Board.

Pat James shared that she will have an upcoming photography exhibit of images from affected areas of the Missouri River at GAR Hall in Yankton – June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Susan shared that the VCDC is planning a Watch Party for the SD Kayak Challenge at the Frost Trail for Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 1 pm.

#### Next Meeting:

Tim Cowman will send out a doodle poll via email to determine best date and time.

#### Adjournment:

4:47 pm.

Minutes by Susan Heggstad.