

FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: June 12, 2017, 10:30 am

MEETING PLACE: Vonnie Kuijvenhoven

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 10:47 am by Acting President Cher Mitton

OPENING COMMENTS: Thank you to Vonnie for hosting.

GOOD NEWS: Mary Ann is attending a bridal shower for one of her children.

ROLE CALL: PRESENT: 16 GUESTS: 2

Eve Becker-Doyle
Dixie Bergman
Ann Blakely
Roze Evans
Wendy Fenner
Lil Fredericksen
Kathy Heinrichs
Lauren Kraft

Vonnie Kuijvenhoven
Cat Litchenbeldt
Cher Mitton
Alicia "Lish" Sheppard
Irene Stith
Sue Wiens
Claudia Wolff

GUESTS & SPECIAL SPEAKER: Betsy Baier – Bereavement Coordinator, HopeWest - Montrose – Grief and bereavement services. Betsy gave a presentation on the services that HopeWest offers in our region. HopeWest is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit that has locations in Grand Junction, Delta Meeker, Plateau Valley and Montrose. She also provided an excellent presentation on grief and bereavement and how to help others, as well as ourselves, with the grieving process. A copy of the presentation is included with these minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Wendy Fenner

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: motion to approve March 2017 minutes **ANY CORRECTIONS:** None noted. **MOTION TO APPROVE:** Eve, **SECOND:** Kathy H. **VOTE:** Unanimous Approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lauren Kraft provided an update on the budget and finances.

May 2017 income at **\$1,267.54** details: (**\$6.19** interest, **\$250** fun run donation, **\$1,000** Gary Bennett – scholarship in/out, **\$6.35** Amazon smile, **\$5.00** membership),

Expenses totaled **\$170.00** this month. (details: **\$120.00** USA Track& Field Sanction/Insurance, **\$50.00** Poster donation),

The month ending assets are: Checking **\$7,857.70**, Money Market **\$10,050.21**, **\$20,021.22** Shotwell CD, **\$298.22** Donations Checking account. Making total cash and liquid assets of **\$38,227.35** Fortuna Tierra Club Treasurer's Report for **May 2017** is filed on 06-05-2017.

Additional Income secured but not in FTC Alpine Accounts: Paypal = **\$3.05**

Upcoming **expenses:**

June 2017= \$300.00 – Fun Run expenses

Upcoming **revenue** in forecast:

June 2017 = CD/Money Market interest ~ \$6.00, Sponsors for fun run ~\$1,000

Notes- CD renewal date was 2-19-2017. Club decided to do a 1 year \$20,000 CD at .35% interest rate and residual \$10,000 from CD moved into our money market. CD rates extremely low with projections supposed to go up so obtaining a 1 Year CD was best option at this point and will review rates again on 3-19-2018. CD interest will be put back into CD each month vs. putting into checking account. We can then earn interest on our interest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PHILANTHROPIC: Vonnie Kuijvenhoven provided an update on scholarship recipients. The committee interviewed eight high school senior applicants, each received \$1,000. This leaves \$2,000 remaining in the scholarship reserves. **MOTION:** Vonnie made a motion that the \$2,000 remaining in scholarship reserves be held for future graduating classes which are much larger in size. **DISCUSSION:** Laureen noted that holding on to the \$2000 would set FTC philanthropic give rate at 67% which is still very good. **SECOND:** Irene, **VOTE:** Unanimously approved.

There was an additional scholarship applicant that is a home school student who resides in the Ridgway area. The FTC bylaws are specific to Ridgway High School seniors and graduates as eligible scholarship recipients. It was recommended that additional clarification was needed to allow more students from the Ridgway area, including homeschool students that live within the Ridgway School District zone. **Draft language will be incorporated into the bylaws update and presented at the September 2017 meeting for discussion.** In the meantime, Gary Bennett offered to fund the scholarship for the homeschool student, in memory of Mariam and Shelly Bennett in honor of both his mother and Shelly Bennett. Gary's \$1000 donation to FTC was facilitated to allow the nonprofit donation to the recipient as noted in the May Treasurer report.

Kathy Henrichs is volunteering to shop for school supplies for Ridgway Schools, anyone wishing to assist Kathy with this effort can contribute to her directly. Collection boxes are also going to be setup at the Ridgway Library and Alpine Bank. **MOTION:** \$100 from FTC funds to reimburse Kathy H. was made by Kathy H. **SECOND:** Lil. **VOTE:** Approved.

COMPASSION: Lil Fredericksen provided an update.

- Eve announced she is going to be having brain surgery this July to treat her Parkinson's symptoms. She will be sending out an email and working with Caring Bridge to facilitate several travel dates to Denver for pre and post-op medical appointments. If anyone is able to help Eve with traveling to/from the Front Range please let her know.
- Carol King has had her last chemo treatment and is looking very good.
- Andrea Engle, a Ridgway local was in ICU, she has kidney damage from being stomped on by a bull.
- Peggy Spindler had a golf cart accident in Cobble Creek and is undergoing a skin graft on her leg.

FUNDRAISING: Roze Evans; update on second annual Log Hill Hustle on September 16, 2017 as the major fundraiser. Registration is officially open, and we are currently using [runningguru.com](http://www.runningguru.com) to facilitate online registration, please share this link with those who you think would be interested in participating: <http://www.runningguru.com/E2.asp?eID=27911&SourceCode=>

- Roze distributed copies of the sponsorship/partnership letters and posters for this year's event. Roze encouraged everyone to help spread the word about this year's race and encourage everyone they know to participate. Many of last year's participants that were from out of state had ties to FTC members.
- Roze provided a signup sheet for those who can help distribute this year's race posters.

- FTC members that can assist with follow-up calls to sponsors should contact Roze directly to coordinate follow-up efforts.
- There will also be an online volunteer signup for those that can help during the event, Sandy Dick has offered to assist with the online volunteer coordination through SignUp.com <http://signup.com/go/HcDszZF>.
- Mary Menz has agreed to help with PR, doing press releases with the Plaindealer, Watch and Montrose Press; as well as working with Sandy Hennessey on local radio spots and the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce.
- Wendy is assisting with FaceBook posts, please share our posts with your FaceBook friends. <https://www.facebook.com/FortunaTierra/>

Roze then started discussing the secondary fundraiser - partnering in the Wine, Chocolate, and Cheese Festival on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Mary Menz has volunteered to oversee this event. In April FTC applied for and was selected as their nonprofit beneficiary for this year's event. For volunteering to assist with the event FTC could receive approximately \$600, plus there are additional opportunities to raise funds during the event which could net \$2,000+/- . A signup sheet was provided for FTC members to help with setup, assistance during the event, and day after cleanup on December 10, 2017. Mary is also coordinating an effort to create themed baskets to be a part of the fundraising event. Another signup sheet was made available for those who wished to participate in creating the various types of baskets. The baskets will be assembled in October and on display at the 4H craft fair in November. Mary will provide more planning details for this event at the FTC September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Claudia announced that the 57th annual Ouray County Artist Alpine Holiday Show is 7/27/17 and 8/5/17. <http://www.ourayarts.com/>. This is a national juried fine art exhibit. They are looking for volunteers to man a few tables and Claudia is tasked with finding volunteers for 7/31/17. The shifts are: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, 12:00 pm -2:30 pm, and 2:30 pm-5:00 pm Claudia has a signup sheet for those who are interested.

OLD BUSINESS: Profile for Vonnie Kuijvenhoven and Irene Stith.

BIRTHDAYS: Claudia Wolff - 5/13; Irene Stith - 5/16; Ann Blakely - 6/17; Elaine Wyers - 6/24

ANNIVERSARIES: Eve Becker-Doyle - 5/23; Kathy Heinrichs - 6/20; Laureen Kraft - 6/29; Claudia Wolff - 6/29

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:45pm

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 2017 @ **Laureen Kraft's house?, TIME: TBA**