FRARO Virtual General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022
Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

- Called to order at 6:00 PM

FRARO Board Members Present at Meeting:

Chair – Rob Hewett
Vice Chair – Edwin Patterson
Secretary – Ginger Hewett
Treasurer – Bill Hewett
Past President – Karen Kratz
Superintendent - John Privette
Board Member – Judy Hewett
Board Member – Aaron Edmonds
Board Member – Tiffney Holbrook
Board Member – Jeff Carrol

1. Rob H. discussed the status of FRARO.

2. John P. discussed the status of RARO. There are $25k in repairs going on at RARO. 108 acres were burned by staff. Ongoing work at the campground.

Board Business

1. Rob H. gave a review of the minutes from the January 18th Annual Membership Meeting. Karen K. made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Edwin P. seconded. The motion carried all in favor.

2. The Financial Report was given by Bill H. There is a balance of $292.01 in petty cash.

3. The Membership Report has not changed since the November meeting.

4. Rob H. gave an update on the Friends of State Parks (NC-FSP). There continues to be ongoing parent organization issues stemming from the Oct 30th, 2021, FSP Annual Membership meeting.

Past Business

1. Rob H. stated FRARO Signage at the Park for Donations will remain the same.

2. Rob H. stated the bench repair status remains the same. John P. will follow up with RARO staff.

3. John P. stated the North side horse trails with have signs erected soon.

4. Rob H. gave an update on the gold cart. Paperwork is still bring waited on.

New Business

1. Rob H. discussed converting FRARO into an independent 501c3 and asked for the whole boards input. A group conversation began, discussing the pros and cons of doing so. Group discussed concerns with FRARO money being held in escrow by FSP and how to obtain the funds if we become an independent group. The costs of converting, under $1k, Rob H. unsure if funds from FRARO can be used, he will look into it. How the current FRARO funds being held by FSP would be used to benefit FRARO. John P. proposed purchasing an Ipad, or other item, equipped with a CUBE, to allow firewood sales at the campsite to be purchased with a card. Currently only cash is taken. Firewood sales are more productive than the drop boxes for donations. John P. also proposed that purchasing an ATV or UTV would be very helpful for the park. Karen K. proposed a formal vote for the 501c3 and motioned to move forward. Edwin P. seconded. A vote was called by the Chair to support, or not, the motion to make FRARO a 501c3 independent of the Friends of State Parks. The vote passed with unanimous support. Karn K. will help Rob H. write up the necessary documents. Edwin P. and Rob H. to acquire a lawyer.

2. Rob H. proposed establishing several committees to help provide focus and direction for our group. He will send out separate email in regards to that.

3. Rob H. proposed a membership drive to bring in new members.

4. Edward P. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ginger H. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.