



## Friends of Garland Mountain Horse and Hike Trails

**MINUTES**      Date: May 29, 2025    Time: 11:A-2:00P Dr. Humber Cabin

**ATTENDEES:** Charline Cambron, Cindy Young, Bill Stara, Debbie Jones, Debbie Sutton, Nancy Foy, Carolyn Stambaugh

### **AGENDA**

Minutes of March 4, 2025 were approved.

Request from Charline that if Board Member knows ahead of time they will not be able to make the Board meeting that they let her know and possibly date can be changed with enough notice.

It was voted that all events are to be voted on by the Board in order to proceed and all event Leaders are to run the event, submit list of prizes and all estimated expenses to Friends, submit rules for the event, and keep the President and related Members up to date.

**100 MILE CHALLENGE:** Carla was not present for meeting but we discussed:

All voted to continue providing event. Discussion about changing date not to conflict with Obstacle Challenge and possibly renaming one event to avoid Challenge confusion with Obstacle Challenge. Possible start date January 30<sup>th</sup>-October 30<sup>th</sup>. Event Leader to keep track of contestants, volunteer hours vs riding, and provide before the event a list of prizes and all estimated expenses to Friends.

It was voted that t-shirts to be given at end of contest.

Discussed possibility of creating a system where people can log in their hours. Discussed opening 100 Mile to include riders not riding at Garland and promote to saddle clubs.

**OBSTACLE EVENT:**      Debbie Jones

Debbie Jones needs reimbursement for expenses. Voted to continue annual event.

Possibly change date to April for warmer weather and Mountain Laurel blooming.



Discussed riders signing up and then not showing up for event...possible deposit discussed. We discussed how to make event better: Advertise-- feed stores, newspaper, equine clubs, etc. Discussed Insurance for event. Bill suggested CTHA and Charline to follow up with Susan Bruno and Rich Vigue. Discussed providing only pre-packaged snacks, water and soft drinks. Regarding permit Adam Fussell, CPRA said we do not need one.

**GOAT RUN:**

Board agreed event was successful, profitable and voted to continue.

**ELLEN MEMORIAL:** Bill Stara

Org voted to take over and continue annual event in November and discussed ways of promoting. Discussed logistics and insurance. Charline to investigate possible tie in with CTHA. Maybe provide them with a day of work on trails. Before the event we have to get the new bypass at Canyon installed.

**SPECIAL ELECTION DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER:**

Discussed how important our new District 1 Commissioner will be to our Org and preservation of trails. District 1 includes Waleska, Canton, Ball Ground and Nelson. We voted to host a Meet and Greet, District 1 Commissioner Candidates Day, Saturday, July 26, 2025 at Garland Mountain Pavilion. Invite all running to come and introduce themselves at pavilion with microphone (15 mins?) and then they can wait and have Q & A in groups after.

Carolyn to coordinate event and will propose details to Board asap. GREAT opportunity to promote Friends.

**LISA CLARK DONATION TO JROTC:** Lisa could not attend meeting, Debbie Sutton presented.

Lisa has offered to pay an hourly amount to JROTS to come work at Garland Mountain in their program to work for Non Profit 5013c's. Board gave Debbie info needed to see JROTC's cannot use power tools so Debbie was given list of jobs they could do. She to contact Coach David Leach at E Hall Co. JROTC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WATER AT PARK:** Nancy brought up how to push County to get water to the park. We have petition.



**Bill suggested going directly to Harry Johnston and informing him that Search and Rescue can't get into trails for rescue as they have bought new UTV's that are wider and some of the trails are washed out and we have dangerous situations.**

**Questions:**

- 1. Who will set up meeting...who will go...when...where?**
- 2. We have Kubota video he needs to see.**

**COUNTY PICNIC TABLE AND GRIDS...Cindy to orchestrate with County re delivery...table to park, grids to Nancy's house for storage. Make sure Carla knows we will not be buying a new table.**

**SEARCH AND RESCUE Next date for training June 7, 8-12. Carolyn to contact Morgan Gerrell, Jason Yarborough at CC S&R regarding possible newspaper article.**

**POST OFFICE BOX Charline to obtain Org post office box.**

**BUSINESS CARDS Carolyn will contact Greens Printing in Canton. She will start Design of the card, send to Board for input and approval and get printed.**

#### **ORGANIZATION RECORDS**

**Carolyn reported results of viewing and organizing all records and findings to the Board. Board voted that the ORG IRS/STATE NON PROFIT INCORPORATION RECORDS (THE BIBLE) to be kept at Charline's in fire/flood safe container. Carolyn to send cc of Bylaws designated duties of Officers to all Board members.**

**CHAINSAW Bill asked for permission to purchase another chainsaw. It was approved.**

**BANNER AND T-SHIRTS Need status**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Minutes Submitted by Carolyn Stambaugh**

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## CLARIFICATION FROM LISA

**From:** Lisa Clark <[clarkburg@att.net](mailto:clarkburg@att.net)>

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**Subject:** RE: May 29, 2025 Minutes

I think things got lost in the translation between Debbie S and me and that's MY error. I explained the initial donation offer at the last 2024 meeting and mentioned in a couple of texts but finally got to point something in writing was needed. Unfortunately info I sent Debbie was in WORD and she needed PDF. See attached.

David Leach is the NJROTC contact with East Hall County High School in Gainesville. They will be working with Don Carter State Park staff, Friends group and I guess CTHA to help with equestrian trails there. Not sure exactly what/when doing but he set up a meeting with them next week. School is out till Aug so he's probably trying to get this lined up beforehand.

FGMT would probably want to talk with either Cartersville High JROTC or Cross Country leaders since they are local – I can provide names/#'s. Or if they're too big, the other option might work.

Please update minutes to not refer to the donation as an “hourly rate”, that implies contracted labor and not a donation/grant. Fund management is stringent on what's allowed and there's no wiggle.

I'm finding some school/youth small nonprofits take extra effort to ensure they qualify to receive a donation – that's the case with David's group but we're finally done. The Cartersville HS folks have been worked out. Animal rescues haven't been a problem.

Lisa