

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, May 2, 2016, 4:00 pm
Black Diamond Ranch Welcome Center
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Dave Burns, Foster Lamm, Jill Ludowese, Joan Plunkett, Jon Radabaugh,
Dick Ragatz, Susan Savard, Mark Yerman

Absent: Mary Jane Bower, Charlotte McKim, Sue Pratt, Kent Rinker

Guests: Linda Boles, President, Find-M Friends, Inc.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, May 2, 2016.

2. Presentations

Find 'M Friends, Inc.

Find M' Friends Inc., is a community non-profit organization that assists in the return of lost or abducted children and memory-impaired adults. They distribute scent evidence kits to the public, and train bloodhounds to help local first responders aid in recovery efforts. Kits are used to collect and save a fresh body scent. That uncontaminated specimen allows a bloodhound to track and find an individual who is lost or has been abducted.

In February, a Black Diamond resident who suffers from dementia wandered from his home late at night. His stored scent kit allowed a Find M' Friends bloodhound to locate him nearby within five minutes.

Ms. Boles discussed the assistance Find M' Friends provides to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and the local community. They raise and train scent-discriminating bloodhounds that can be certified and used to locate missing persons. One of their certified bloodhounds was recently given to the CCSO. Additionally, her organization helps distribute, free of charge, double-walled jars that can hold a human scent for up to seven years. She has given away 2,500 jars in Citrus County.

The organization's current needs include an improved kennel structure for the resident bloodhounds. Improvements would include sufficient area to keep the dogs safe and separate, a central room for food storage and medicines, and a permanent floor that could be more easily cleaned. Estimated cost is \$13,794. The kennel used to care for the bloodhounds is located on Ms Boles' property in Crystal River.

Other needs include funds to purchase additional scent kits for distribution throughout the community.

3. Approval of Minutes, April 4, 2016

The Minutes of April 4, 2016, were approved as submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan Savard presented the Monthly Financial Report. As of April 30th, the Foundation had assets totaling \$220,448.27; of that total \$190,448.27 are considered unrestricted funds. To date in 2016, the Foundation has provided \$111,300 in community grants.

The Foundation received eight member contributions this month in response to the annual appeal, in addition to several contributions memorializing Perry Anderson and Jim Filby.

Susan completed and filed the Foundation's IRS Form 990 as required US tax code.

5. Community Grant Requests

Citrus County Family Resource Center (CCFRC)

CCFRC works to strengthen the family unit and improve the quality of life for children and families in Citrus County. They have requested a community grant to help increase their food stock levels throughout the summer months while children are out of school and unable to take advantage of free/reduced price lunch programs.

MOVED BY: DAVE BURNS
SECONDED BY: MARK YERMAN

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$3,500 (Three thousand, five hundred dollars) to the Citrus County Family Resource Center to purchase additional food items needed to support local families throughout the summer months.

APPROVED.

Nature Coast Dental Clinic

Kent Rinker forwarded an email request from Nature Coast Ministries. They have re-established operations at their new facility in Crystal River, and are seeking a community grant to help fund operating expenses over the summer months. There has long been a need in our County for low/no-cost dental services to support under-insured residents. Nature Coast Ministries has worked hard to fill that need. With a small staff, they coordinate with local dental professionals to volunteer their services in order to provide free dental care to those who cannot afford it. To qualify for care at the Clinic, uninsured residents must have income that does not exceed 200% of Federal poverty guidelines.

It was noted that the Foundation has not received a written business plan, in lieu of annual financial data, for the newly-reopened clinic. The Foundation will request both prior to considering additional grant requests.

MOVED BY: FOSTER LAMM
SECONDED BY: DAVE BURNS

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$3,000 (Three thousand dollars) to Nature Coast Ministries to fund operating expenses for their community Dental Clinic over the summer months.

APPROVED.

Find 'M Friends, Inc.

Find 'M Friends requested a community grant to help improve their bloodhound kennel facilities. Since the existing kennels are located on private property, the Board felt it more appropriate to provide funds specifically identified to purchase and distribute scent kits to children and at-risk adults in Citrus County. Current cost for each kit is \$5.

MOVED BY: JILL LUDOWESE
SECONDED BY: JOAN PLUNKETT

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to Find "M Friends, Inc. to purchase scent discriminating kits for distribution to Citrus County residents.

APPROVED.

6. Old Business

Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP) Concert

The Florida Chamber Music Project String Quartet will perform at Black Diamond on May 15, 2016. Jill Ludowese has tickets for sale, \$35 for adults and \$15 for students K-12. Over 100 tickets have been sold to date. The proceeds will benefit the Citrus Youth Orchestra.

YMCA Recognition of Black Diamond Foundation

The YMCA will recognize the Foundation for its sponsorship of Summer Camp scholarships and literacy programs at a luncheon on June 9th. Jill Ludowese will attend to represent the Board of Directors.

7. New Business

Black Diamond Remembrance Garden

Joan Plunkett presented information about the Remembrance Garden and Remembrance Plaque that are here at Black Diamond. Mrs. Beverly McKenney has been keeping the plaque current by engraving small plates recognizing the passing of Club members for many years. She asked the Foundation to take over this task.

Joan Plunkett has discussed this with the Black Diamond Club Manager, Mr. John Hilker. He has agreed to continue to display the plaque in the Clubhouse. Joan Plunkett will have three plates engraved for recently-deceased members: K. Perry Anderson, Jim Filby and Rob Landham. The Foundation will pay the small cost for the engraving.

Every six months, the Foundation Board will review names of members who have passed away, and update the Remembrance Plaque. Joan Plunkett will inform Mrs. McKenney of this decision. Her folder of the Remembrance Committee minutes of meetings and other information will remain with the Foundation in the possession of Joan Plunkett.

“STEPS to CF” Scholarship Award Ceremonies

Dave Burns asked for a Board volunteer to present the Black Diamond Foundation-endowed and the Stan and Betty Olson-endowed “STEPS to CF” scholarships at Citrus Springs Elementary School on May 20th. He will present the two Foundation-endowed scholarships at Central Ridge Elementary School on that date. The scholarships are presented as part of school-wide award ceremonies, attended by students, faculty and parents. Jill Ludowese volunteered to make the presentation in Citrus Springs.

8. Articles for Club Newsletter – “Happenings”

Copy is due to Sally Ince (since@blackdiamondranch.com), by stated suspense.

June	Dental Clinic Open House	Joan Plunkett	due May 15
July	YMCA Summer Camp	Jill Ludowese	due Jun 15
August	Roger Ross Interview	Charlotte McKim	due Jul 15
September	Find-M Friends	Jill Ludowese	due Aug 15
October	Save the Date (2017 Events)	Jill Ludowese	due Sep 15
November	Pro-Am Update	Jim Ludowese	due Oct 15
December	Birdies for Charity	Foster Lamm	due Nov 15

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Black Diamond Foundation normally suspends regular Board meetings during the summer months. A query of the Board of Directors indicated a quorum would not be present until November 2016.

MOVED BY: FOSTER LAMM
SECONDED BY: JON RADABAUGH

That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. suspend monthly Board of Directors meetings in Lecanto, Florida until November 7th, 2016.

APPROVED.

After summer adjournment, the Board will meet again on Monday, November 7th, and Monday, December 5th, at 4:00 pm in the clubhouse boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm, Monday, May 2, 2016.

Joan Plunkett, Secretary
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Monday, October 3, 2016