

Potato Creek Friends Group Meeting 7/18/06

Attendees:

Brook Rieman
Corey Reiman
Tim Cordell
Kathy Serrat
Linda Matzat
LaVoy Landesman
Brian Miller
Ralph Campion
Chris Felske
Brian and Anna Krueger & Family
Lynn Cudlip
Mark Daily
Jill Mioczkiewez
Sherri Healy
Randy Newman
Carole Riewe
Jo Borrer
Jim Webb
Bill Nelson
Emily Johnson

Minutes:

Tim Cordell gave a presentation highlighting some improvements and activities in the Park. These were the highlights:

- The cabins will all be refurbished with new furniture and appliances
- The road from the entrance to the Nature Center will be repaved soon
- There is a new mountain bike trail under development
- There will be watershed restoration work done
- 'Tator Traditions will be held on August 5th. The Friends Group will host a potluck and square dance. Linda gave an overview of the planned activities. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Linda Matzat at imbuthmatzat@skynet.net to volunteer.
- There will be a shad reduction project taking place after Labor Day on the lake. For this shad reduction, the lake will be lowered about 3 feet and this will provide an opportunity to clean up the perimeter of the lake. This could be a good Friends Group Activity. Any volunteers would be appreciated. Contact Kathy Serrat at kathy.serrat@us.bosch.com or 574-234-2457 if you are interested in helping.
- The prairie maze will also be expanded this year.

Business items:

The tax exempt status will be under the umbrella of the RC&D until we can get our own. This will allow memberships and donations to be tax deductible. We will need someone

from the Friends Group to attend the RC&D meeting every other month to report out. We will mention RC&D in our newsletter as they asked-Corey to follow up.

We have a 1M liability policy in place for the ‘Tater Traditions event.

There will be August elections for officers; we need to fill the board for 7 positions. The Park will have one non-voting member on the board. This will be an interim election; the annual meeting will be in spring. We will allow proxy voting since some members cannot attend Tuesday evening meetings. Anyone interested in filling a board position is asked to email or phone Tim Cordell tcordell@dnr.IN.gov 574-656-8186 by August 5th. We will also allow nominations from the floor. Volunteers for the board at this time are:

Sheri Healy
Kathy Serrat
Ralph Campion
Brian Krueger
Mark Daily
Jan Shupert-Arick

It was also decided that the first year membership fees will be waived for anyone serving on the Steering Committee that contributed funds to get the Friends Group started.

We need a link setup on the DNR website for the Friends Group-Tim will follow up.

Check out the website at www.friendsofpotatocreek.org.

The next meeting is 8/15/06 at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center. Bring a snack to share.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help.