

Potato Creek Friends Group Meeting 8/15/06

Attendees:

Corey Reiman
Tim Cordell
Kathy Serrat
Linda Matzat
Charlotte Wolfe
Robert Wolfe
Robin Wolfe
Brian Miller
Ralph Campion
Sylvia Kimbel
Brian and Anna Krueger & Family
Mark Daily
Sherri Healy
Jo Borrer
Randy Newman
John Richardson

Minutes:

Tim discussed “Tater Traditions” event, almost all the Park’s crafts sold out bringing in \$267. The games conducted by Park staff were also well received with about 85 people

- The Friends potluck had about 40 people and the Square dance 40-50 attending
- Square dance: need to invite group in to demo, need more circle dance. Next time try a “family dance” to get more families involved. There were some comments that the caller was too harsh, especially with the smaller kids.
- Need to do a better job of advertising the event, maybe hand out fliers, word of mouth-walk through campground. Maybe next year have a pancake breakfast instead of potluck. It was very difficult to predict how many hotdogs to cook, also consider a free will donation for the food instead of a fixed selling price.

Other business:

It was discussed that perhaps we need a “workshop” approach to the Friend’s Group. For example, pick a project like the spring house, get an “expert” to come out and demonstrate a skill and pay a nominal fee to participate.

Victoria gave a Treasurers report; we have a 575.00 balance in the bank and we now have 31 members.

Next event for the Friend’s group is September 16th lake cleanup. The water level will be lowered for the shad kill and this is a perfect opportunity to clean up the shoreline. It will be an all day event running from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Volunteers can work for any amount of time they desire. Volunteers are to meet at Whispering Winds. Sherri will be at Whispering Winds from 9-1 and Mark will be there from 1-5. Each of them will dispatch volunteers where needed on the lake. Tim will provide all the trash bags.

Action item: Tim will create a lake map and mark out cleanup sections on map so we can coordinate where to send volunteers.

Action item: Ralph to contact Boy Scouts to try and get them to volunteer to help.

Action item: Kathy to contact local TV stations and get the event on the community calendar.

The meeting time will be changed to 7:00 from 6:30 for the Friend's Group monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The brochures all say 6:30, but at the next reprint, they will be changed.

Action item: Mark will do the first newsletter with the group highlights and send to Tim.

We held elections for officers; we need to fill the board for 7 positions, since there were 7 volunteers, it was easy. The 7 volunteers met after the meeting and agreed on responsibilities and terms. Here are the officers and the terms:

- Brian Krueger-President (2 years)
- Ralph Campion-Vice President (1 year)
- John Richardson-Treasurer (1 year)
- Kathy Serrat-Secretary (2 years)
- Sherri Healy-Advisor (2 years)
- Mark Daily-Advisor (1 year)
- Jan Shupert-Advisor (2 years)

We will be asking Linda Matzat to help coordinate speakers for future meetings.

Action item: Kathy to contact Linda and request her assistance.

Check out the website at www.friendsofpotatocreek.org.

The next meeting is 9/16/06 at 7:00 PM in the Nature Center. Bring a snack to share.