

Potato Creek Friends Group Meeting 9/19/06

Attendees:

Corey and Brook Reiman
Tim Cordell
Kathy Serrat
Charlotte Wolfe
Carl Borek
Gene Matzat
Gary and Mary Hacker
Jan Shupert-Arick
Bill Arick
Lynn Cudlip
Brian Miller
Ralph Campion
Brian and Anna Krueger & Family
Mark Daily
Sherri Healy
John Richardson

Minutes:

Guest speaker:

Bob Roberts, a Fisheries Biologist spoke about the recent Shad kill in the lake. It was very interesting and he took time to answer questions in the end. He made the following points:

- It was a selective eradication of gizzard shad.
- The chemical Rotnone was applied evenly on the lake, it affects only the shad and not other game fish. This chemical has been around for many years and is widely used.
- This will be repeated every other year for a few years; it is more effective than a one shot application.
- Evaluations are done before and after the selective kill to determine the number of shad killed.
- Bass will be stocked this fall in the lake to take advantage of the kill.

Other business:

The lake cleanup on September 16th went very well, there were 28 participants, 135 hours total were accumulated in the clean up effort. Over 100 bags of trash were picked up. Jim Webb personally thanked all who helped.

We decided to change the meeting days for November and December due to the holidays. We will meet on November 16th (Thursday) and December 12th (Tuesday). Same time: 7:00 PM in the Nature Center.

We brainstormed some likely events for this year and next year, then decided that for Halloween, it is probably too late to do something this year. Here are the ideas tossed out for discussion:

- Halloween costume ball-dance for next year.
- Campsite decorating contest (may do low key this year) Next year we can pass out flyers and perhaps charge a small entry fee to pay for prizes.
- Christmas party-maybe members only?

Brian re-iterated that we need to gather all these ideas and put together a yearly plan for next year so we can better manage those events. It was suggested that we visit other Friend's groups to get ideas about future events. The Pumpkin Vine Nature Trail and Bendix Woods might have some good suggestions.

Ralph has worked with a local vendor to obtain "Friends of Potato Creek" polo shirts. The prices are \$11.00 without a pocket and \$12.00 with a pocket. He also had some hats available for \$9.00. This could be a good fundraiser for the group. Ralph will have more information at the next meeting. It was suggested that it would be best if a person could order directly from the manufacturer so we would not have to do all that legwork.

Mark has agreed to continue to do the newsletter, we published our first one recently-he did a great job. Thanks Mark!

For the Treasurer's report, we are transitioning from Victoria to John. He just received all the paperwork and it is in disarray-he will organize and report out next meeting.

For the membership list, as of this writing, we have 33 members.

There was discussion about a membership generating contest. A point system was suggested and corporate donations should be sought. It was decided to defer this to the Board, they can discuss and issue some rules.

Check out the website at www.friendsopotatocreek.org

The next meeting is 10/17/06 at 7:00 PM in the Nature Center. Bring a snack to share.