

Potato Creek Friends Group Board Meeting 10/17/06

Attendees:

Tim Cordell
Kathy Serrat
Jan Shupert-Arick
Brian Miller
Ralph Campion
Brian Krueger
Mark Daily
Sherri Healy
John Richardson
Linda Matzat

Minutes:

The general membership meeting minutes and board meeting minutes will be published on the website. Sensitive material will be discussed at an executive session only and not published on website. Motion was made by Mark, seconded by Ralph, all approved.

Corporate memberships that are started and paid and will run through the end of the year.

Newsletters will be distributed quarterly. We can publish some information that Tim presented tonight for the Friend's Group. The newsletter will be done quarterly starting in January. Deadline for submitting material for the newsletter will be newsletter information will be the evening of the monthly meeting (Dec 12th for the first one). Second quarter newsletter items will be due in March for April 2007 publishing. Mark asked for some photos of recent activities that could be included in the newsletter. The quarterly newsletter could be called winter, spring, summer and fall.

There was a lot of discussion about potential committees. We narrowed the list down to 4 basic committees, the group felt if we had more than that, it would be tough to manage. Ralph will chair all the committees. Motion was made by John, seconded by Ralph, all approved. The 3 committees are:

1. Public relations
 - a. Linda will continue to arrange for guest speakers for our monthly programs.
 - b. Jan and Charlotte will coordinate media relations.
 - c. Mark will continue to do the newsletter.
 - d. Tim will continue to support the website.
2. Fund raising
 - a. John and Bill Arick will lead this committee focused on sales and grants.
3. Special events
 - a. Sherri, Anna and Brook will lead this committee focused on weekend events.

Linda asked for feedback on any suggested topics of discussion at Friend's monthly meetings.

Christmas party-this will be a potluck members only event, we need more members to come so each will be receiving an invitation. The party will be on 12/12, that will be the monthly meeting and there will be no speaker. The party will be at the Nature Center. Anna will call Tim to coordinate details. Tim stressed that there are no kitchen facilities in the Nature Center, so everyone needs to keep that in mind when they bring a dish for the potluck.

We discussed possible Friend's Group projects for 2007, those include:

1. Early February-paint all removable signs indoors .
2. March-NIMBA mountain bike trail construction.
3. April-campground and trail cleanup.
4. May 5-6th-welcome back weekend, camper and bike safety events.
5. July-paint signs.
6. October 27-28-Halloween events.

John reported that the bank has taken two 18.00 deductions for the safety deposit box. The cost is 18.00 per year, no per month. He will investigate.

Linda asked if she thought we should buy stationary, that question was tabled until the next meeting.