

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes
6/19/07 Location: PCSP Nature Center 7:00 PM

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Brian welcomed everyone and new members.

Our guest speaker Phil Sutton was introduced. Phil has been in our area since 1998. He is from the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. Phil handed out a Biological Control paper from which he spoke. It is attached in the meeting minute distribution. Please review for more detail.

There were some good questions after the presentation, Phil was asked for the best method of mole control, he said trapping is the best. Grub control does not help.

Also he was asked what the best mosquito repellent was, he indicated anything containing DEET is the best.

End of presentation

The minutes were read and approved.

The walking stick was donated by Bob Sherman to Mary Ripley. Mary won this for picking up the most trash on clean up day. For the cleanup day, there were 9 volunteers, 5 members, 4 park employees for a total of 39 hours. We need more volunteers for these events.

The Board decided that we will have a picnic after the 7/21 sign painting event to try and attract more members. The Friends Group will buy the meat, everyone was asked to bring a side dish. The picnic will be at Whispering Winds.

Mark reported that the newsletter has been published and distributed.

72 tickets have been sold for the chicken fundraiser. We need to sell at least 300 to break even. Ralph expressed concern about folks buying a chicken dinner ticket and then paying a gate fee to get in and pick it up. Tim said the gate fee will be waived if someone is coming to pick up their dinner. He will notify the gate on the day of the event. Tim sent notices to 35 media contacts about the event. Ralph also had it advertised in the Walkerton Shopper and Walkerton Times. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please sign up.

It was suggested for next year's Potato Creek Festival that the grassy area in the park in downtown North Liberty be used, it might attract more people. Tim reiterated that this is a North Liberty event, not a Potato Creek event and we really have no say in this. It was motioned that we look into this and give our suggestions to the committee that runs the event.

Our speaker next month will be John Schoust, Naturalist with Wild Birds Unlimited.

Special events:

7/21/07: Sign painting and cookout, sign painting is from 9-3, cookout to follow, Ralph has reserved Whispering Winds shelter for the event.

7/28/07: Mountain Bike trail dedication, 10:00 AM, Beach parking lot. NIMBA is trying to get a large group here for the dedication including the Mayor of South Bend and our Representatives.

Business Meeting:

There was no Treasurer's report this month, John is traveling and will be late in arriving this evening.

Please check out our website at www.friendsofpotatocreek.org

