

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Board Meeting Minutes  
7/17/07 Location: PCSP Nature Center

Attendees:

Kathy Serrat  
John Richardson  
Mark Daily  
Brian Krueger  
Ralph Champion  
Tim Cordell  
Jim Rahilly  
Jan Shupert-Arick  
Bill Arick

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:56 PM.

Treasurer's report:

June 19 balance = 1409.97 (previously reported in error as 1,402.97)  
Total deposits = 2000.00  
Total expenses = 1890.95 (1,560.50-Nelsons Chicken and 300.00 IRS for 501c3)

July checking balance = 1519.02  
July CD balance = 4000.00 (earned interest not calculated)  
Total = 5519.02

This does not include uncollected 500.00 grant awarded to FOPC by Jimmy F New Foundation in February to be used for matching funds on grant awards for bank stabilization. Ralph motioned that we get this 500.00 and open another CD and earn interest on it. Jan seconded, motion carried.

This amount includes 75% of the 5,000 NiSource grant for stabilization work for Spring of 2008.

Chicken Fundraiser Report:

Cost of chicken sale = 1660.50  
Net proceeds = 2190.00  
Net profit = 529.50

John reported that the 501c3 application has been submitted. This was a 300.00 expense.

The raffle today went really well, Brian suggested we should do more for our events.

There were concerns about a small group of people doing all the work for the Friend's Group. This is very normal for most volunteer groups and we should not be discouraged.

Kathy will write thank you notes for the gift certificates.

Looking at the good attendance this month, we discussed sending postcards again. Ralph motioned and John seconded that we send post cards again announcing the next meeting. Motion carried. We will also send an email blitz and then ask for feedback at the next meeting about the postcard and email communication.

Special events coordinator

For National Public Lands Day in September, we will contact the LaSalle Boy Scout council and the Singing Sands Girl Scout council for help. John will ask Charlotte for help on this since she is actively involved in Girl Scouts.

Tim ordered the turkey feathers for Tater Traditions, the cost is about 30.00. Ralph motioned and Jim seconded that we refund Tim for the expense. Motion carried.

Tim distributed a Park wish list for the Friend's Group activities. He gave us a list with 3 spending categories:

\$100-\$1,000

\$1,000-\$5,000

\$5000-\$50,000

We really need the 501c3 available before we can aggressively fundraise.

The Board will have a budget meeting on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Nature Center. Bring your brown bag dinner.

Ralph won the gift certificate and donated it back to the Friend's Group for a future raffle. Thanks Ralph!

Minutes approved, meeting adjourned.