

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes  
7/17/07      Location: PCSP Nature Center      7:00 PM

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

Brian welcomed everyone.

Our guest speaker John Schaut was introduced. John is the Naturalist for Wild Birds Unlimited. From 1983 to 1991, he was the Naturalist at Potato Creek State Park. John spoke about each of the top 20 most common feeder birds. See attachment ranking the most popular in order from 1 to 20.

End of presentation

The minutes were read and approved.

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.

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.

Ralph had nothing new to report.

The walking stick was presented to Mary Ripley. Mary won this for picking up the most trash on clean up day. Bob Sherman made this.

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.

8/4/07: Tater Traditions-we need volunteers for this event.

9/29/07: National Public Lands Day, we need volunteers for this event also.

For Halloween weekend, plans are underway as discussed last month.

Dave and Kay Laney sent postcards to advertise today's meeting, thanks much!

In August, Jan Shupert-Arick will speak about the history of Potato Creek. The meeting is 8/21.

The fundraising committee reported that 110.00 was raised tonight at the meeting with the sale of the 2 donated gift certificates from Wild Birds Unlimited. Steve Olson in the Plymouth Store donated at 20.00 gift certificate and Kathy & Dave Gunter from the Mishawaka Store donated a 50.00 gift certificate. Many thanks for their support.

There are Friends of Potato Creek shirts and hats for sale in the back of the room. The shirts are 14.00 and the hats are 7.00 each.

Please check out our website at [www.friendsofpotatocreek.org](http://www.friendsofpotatocreek.org)

**Top 20**  
**Most Common Backyard Feeder Birds**  
**East Central Region**  
(IN, IL, KY, OH)

Please rank from 1 -20 with 1 being the most common feeder bird:

- 17 Song Sparrow
- 4 House Finch
- 12 White-breasted Nuthatch
- 9 European Starling
- 6 Downy Woodpecker
- 18 White-throated Sparrow
- 8 House Sparrow
- 16 Carolina Wren
- 1 Northern Cardinal
- 19 Hairy Woodpecker
- 13 American Robin
- 11 Red-bellied Woodpecker
- 10 Blue Jay
- 20 Brown-headed Cowbird
- 3 Dark-eyed Junco
- 15 Common Grackle
- 2 Mourning Dove
- 14 Tufted Titmouse
- 5 American Goldfinch
- 7 Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee