

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes
8/21/07 Location: PCSP Nature Center 7:00 PM

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Brian welcomed everyone. A special welcome was given to Alex and Marcy from McCormicks Creek.

Our guest speaker Jan Shupert-Arick was introduced. Jan gave a wonderful slideshow presentation about the "People who called Potato Creek home". It was focused on the folks who settled in the area that is now the Park. Jan is a descendant from these original settlers. Jan also brought many artifacts from the era. It was very interesting.

End of presentation.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Current balance = 1519.02

Total deposits = 875.00

Total expenses = 80.48

New balance = 2313.54 (this does not include the CD and 500.00 grant to be collected)

There is nothing new to report on the 501c3 application. John has received an acknowledgement from the State that it is in process.

Ralph had nothing new to report.

For **the July sign painting event**, we had 20 volunteers who donated a total of 83 hours and 25 minutes. 29 folks joined us for the cookout, it was a big success.

Tater traditions went very well, thanks to all who helped.

For **National Public Lands Day** on 9/29, we will be doing trash and park cleanup. The event will take place from 9-3. Meet at Nature Center. We still need volunteers. We may do a cookout for this event.

Special events:

For **Halloween weekend**, plans are underway. Anna has provided a list of supplies needed for the event. If anyone would like to donate anything or solicit for donations, let her know or sign up and bring it by the October meeting. Anna also reported that Wal Mart has been contacted to help with donations and they appear to be pretty receptive. They may donate time and labor as well for events. She will pursue with the Park.

Brian said that a survey was in the back of the room and if anyone has any comments or suggestions for future programs, we would welcome them.

Linda reported for the Program Committee that our next few guest speakers are:

September: Steve Winiker-District Forester

October: Michael Subonis-National Weather Service

November: Rich Dunbar-IDNR Nature Preserve

The Board had a budget meeting on August 5th. The budget has been made for 2008. There is a copy on the back of the table to review.

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