

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes
9/18/07 Location: PCSP Nature Center 7:00 PM

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

Brian welcomed everyone.

Our guest speaker Steve Winiker was introduced. Steve is our District Forester. Steve told us about invasive insects and plants and the history of how they arrived in the US. Many were from the Asia area. He provided handouts to identify the different species and showed some actual plant samples gathered that day.

End of presentation.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

August 17 balance:	\$2314.54
Total deposits:	\$70.00 (chicken sale money from L. Cudlip)
Total expenses:	\$165.32 (150.32 – liability Insurance quarterly premium; \$15.00 B.K.)
Sept. 18 Checking Balance:	\$2,218.22
July CD balance#	<u>\$4,000.00 (earned interest not calculated)</u>
Total*	\$6,218.22

#This includes 75% of the \$5,000 NiSource grant for stabilization work spring 2008

* Does not include uncollected \$500 grant awarded to FOPC by Jimmy F. New Foundation in February 2007 to be used for matching funds on grant awards for bank stabilization in 2008.

The 501c3 application has been approved by the State. The State made it retroactive to 4/17/06. This is great news, all donations are now tax deductible.

Vice President Report: Ralph had nothing new to report.

There will be a Friends **Gathering at Fort Harrison State Park** this coming Saturday (9/22), Friends Group representatives will attend from around the State to share information. As of now, Tim, Marcy and Jim are going. There are 2 more openings if anyone else would like to go, just let Tim know.

National Public Lands Day is 9/29. We will be doing various projects around the Park, meet at the Nature Center at 9:00 AM. Come out and make a difference at Potato Creek! Brian has contacted DeWayne Wilda of St. Joe Valley Bass Masters and the Boy Scouts for assistance. Charlotte Wolfe has contacted the Girl Scouts and 2 troops will be assisting us. Tim asked us to pick up some publications available in the back of the room to promote the event and post them around the community.

Survey-Brian mentioned again that there is a survey in the back of the room where comments and requests can be made for the Friends Group with regard to future programs or events.

Special events:

For **Halloween weekend**, plans are underway. Anna has provided a list of supplies needed for the event. Anna specifically needs candy donations, if you are interested in donating candy, please email her at krueger@adsnet.com or call her at 219-879-6438 to tell her what you will be bringing so she can put it together in plenty of time. 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 is continuing to pursue those donations.

Linda reported for the **Program Committee** that our next 2 guest speakers are:

October: Michael Subonis-National Weather Service

November: Rich Dunbar-IDNR Nature Preserve

New business:

It was suggested that we send out postcards as reminders for the monthly meetings since the last 2 meetings which had postcard reminders had better attendance. The Board will take up this issue at the meeting tonight since it will involve about 25.00 per month in expenses.

Please check out our website at www.friendsofpotatocreek.org