

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes
11/20/07 Location: PCSP Nature Center 7:00 PM

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Brian welcomed everyone.

Our guest speaker Rich Dunbar was introduced. Rich is from the IDNR Division of Nature Preserves. Rich spoke about purple loosestrife and biological control techniques.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

October 16 th balance:	\$2474.22
Total deposits:	\$70.00 (chicken sale money from L. Cudlip)
Total expenses:	\$165.32 (150.32 – liability Insurance quarterly premium; \$15.00 B.K.)
	\$191.75 (Halloween pumpkins)

November 20th Checking Balance:	\$2955.12
July CD balance#	\$4,000.00 (earned interest not calculated)
JF New donation	\$500.00

Vice President Report: Ralph was not present but asked everyone to thank Anna for the great job done on the Halloween event.

There is **no meeting in December**, enjoy the holidays.

Congratulations to Jan on obtaining our **tax number** for the Friends group-thanks Jan!

Tim is putting together a **slide show** of some of the Park's accomplishments this year and would like to include a section with activities from the Friends group. If you have pictures to share, please send them to Tim ASAP.

Special Events:

The Halloween weekend was a great success. There were 125 kids for the pumpkin carving contest, 125 for the costume contest and 261 passed through the maze. There were 76 that participated in the decorating contest and Brian estimated about 587 for total participation. There were at least 350 trick or treaters. Tim estimated about 1300 participated. Great success.

New business:

The March elections are just around the corner. We will have to fill 4 positions, President, Secretary and 2 seats on the Board. This is something to think about before we approach this time.

Tim reported that in order to use the NiSource grant, we needed to get an archaeological survey done in the area affected. He managed to get this done for free. He does need approval to spend 100.00 for the permit. Since there is no Board meeting tonight, John motioned and Brian seconded that we approve the 100.00 permit fee. Motion was carried by all in attendance.

We have a new procedure now approved by the Board last month for the handling of committee proposals. These new guidelines are attached in this email notification. Special thanks to Jim for coordinating the documentation of these guidelines.

Jan sent out the end of the year donation letters this week.

Brian thanked everyone for a great year. Again, a reminder, there is no meeting in December. Next meeting is January 15th, 2008.

Please check out our website at www.friendsofpotatocreek.org