

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Board Meeting Minutes
1/15/08 Location: PCSP Nature Center

Attendees:

Kathy Serrat
Bill Arick
Brian Krueger
Jim Webb for Tim Cordell
Jim Rahilly
Jan Shupert-Arick
John Richardson

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:54 PM.

Treasurer's report:

4590.75 is estimated CD balance

3300.00 is estimated cash balance

We received about 400.00 in end of year giving. We need to send out acknowledgement letters for this and be sure we make copies of these checks.

20.00 expense for mountain bike trail book

John will do a complete report next month; Ralph has not given him all the records yet.

John will also work on the tax reports.

Jan motioned and Brian seconded a motion to spend 50.00 for a gift for Ralph (actually Cheryl) who is battling cancer.

Friend's Group general meeting comments:

1. Attendance at meetings is low, it was suggested we try the post cards again. Also, we need website updating and clarification for meeting times. For the next few months, Kathy will send email reminders for the meetings to see if that boosts attendance.

For **National Public Lands Day** on 9/27 and 9/28, Brian has us registered for this event. Details to follow.

Portable garage: tabled until spring, these were all out of stock when we needed one in the fall.

NiSource grant update: Tim has tried to arrange a free archaeological survey and the person has not yet come. John has a new archaeologist on staff at JF New and he will try and get him to do the survey for free. Once the survey is completed, John has a list of materials and activities ready to go for the event.

Special events update: Brian passed out the special events calendar for discussion and approval. It was approved with the exception of the Egg Hunt. (see details below) We should add the garlic mustard pull to the event calendar. We should also add stories around the campfire in June, tentative date is the 14th or the 21st. We may have a pitch in dinner to and Board meeting also built into this event. Brian provided copies of the Egg Hunt and Winter Wonderland events, we marked those up with a few comments. We then discussed the proposed cost of the Egg Hunt and suggested that we try and get donations for the eggs and candy so we don't have to pay anything. Also, we thought we charge 1.00 for each participant to defray costs.

Craft examples: Bill brought a couple examples of crafts made and sold at McCormicks Creek as fundraisers. These are made with all natural materials existing at the park. It was suggested that be able to take these on and use as fundraisers. More bookkeeping discussion needs to be done about this at the next meeting.

Newsletter: The Newsletter is almost ready, will add verbiage for the board positions that are open and then it will be sent out this month.

Cookbook: Jan is writing a cookbook and when published, we can perhaps sell in the gift shop in the Nature Center and make some money for the Friend's Group.

Minutes approved, meeting adjourned.