

**Friends of Potato Creek State Park
Board Meeting
July 15, 2008**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss any public comments
 - a. Tim brought up the idea for a Sportsman Education Series that he would like the FOPC to sponsor. FOPC would supply refreshments and help Tim as needed. This was unanimously approved.
 - b. The October meeting is the same week as the Halloween festivities. The need for a speaker for that meeting was discussed.
 - c. Appointment of a new board member was discussed.
 - i. We discussed reviewing the votes from the last election to find possible candidates for the board.
 - ii. After the new board member is appointed, we will have a board election for the new vice president.
 - iii. We confirmed that the vice president position would have been reelected April 2009 so the new board member position will also end at that time.
 - iv. According to the by-laws we have 120 days from Ralph's resignation to fill the position. The resignation was received July 3, 2008.
 - v. We will e-mail the existing Friends members and expired members from last year to ask for interested members. Only members in good standing will be eligible for the board position. Interested members will be directed to contact Marci by August 18th.
 - vi. We will make an appointment at the August board meeting.
 - vii. This was unanimously approved.
 - viii. We also discussed concerns regarding current board member attendance and will readdress at the August meeting.
 - d. The procedure for handling the membership renewals was discussed. Kathy volunteered to send out membership reminders.
 - e. Tim volunteered to do a meeting presentation of his upcoming Africa trip. It was agreed that it would be a wonderful idea and will pass it on to Linda for scheduling. Tim's trip is from August 9 to 23.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Update from Tim on Spring House Restoration and SW parking area
 - a. Tim sent the application to the DHPA
 - b. An opportunity to purchase the interpretive panel has opened up on an existing P.O. from another organization. We discussed whether to proceed with taking advantage of this opportunity. The sign was budgeted between \$800 and \$1,000 previously.
 - c. Tim asked for a recommitment from the Friends group on the project, which we agreed on and gave to Tim for the project.
 - d. Regarding the SW parking area, Jan is checking into a separate grant for the parking area. Tim is looking into alternative sources for the labor.

3. Allocation of funds for general Nature Center use.
 - a. We discussed the management of the Nature Center donation funds through the Friends group.
 - b. We discussed the current process for tracking the Nature Center funds.
 - c. We also discussed the management of other donation funds that are targeted for specific uses. These will be readdressed in more detail at the August meeting or when the treasurer is available.
 - d. Marci offered to discuss having the State match the donation funds from the Friends group. She will discuss with Jim Webb.
4. Deadline for next newsletter.
 - a. Wednesday September 24th will be the deadline for the next newsletter to be issued at the end of September.
 - b. There will be another newsletter at the end of the year. The deadline for that newsletter is November 18th. Send any articles or possible submissions to Mark.
 - c. Marci will put a President's message in the newsletters.
5. 2009 events to be placed on DNR calendar.
 - a. We discussed the FOPC event dates that were submitted when we approved the budget earlier in the year.
 - b. Tim needs the dates by the end of July to submit to the State.
6. Memberships – Membership table with Friends info at Santa's Workshop
 - a. This will be set up.
7. Determine amount of money available
 - a. This will be readdressed at the August meeting.
8. Interest in a maintenance facility tour
 - a. Options for the scheduling of the tour was discussed. There was interest in a tour but it was determined not to schedule the tour during a FOPC monthly meeting.
9. The Lake Clean-Up was briefly discussed. We will meet at Whispering Winds September 20 at 10am.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.