

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes
2/17/09 Location: PCSP Nature Center 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

2009 Balance Sheet

Memberships:	\$1100.00
Special Events:	\$220.96
Park Supply	\$284.14
General Op's	\$2121.52
Grants & Donations	\$2255.92
Campion Memorial	\$725.00
Total Assets	\$5717.54

Treasurer's report as of 2/17/09:

Memberships	\$40.00
End of year donations	\$50.00
General donations	\$10.00
Nature Center expenses	-\$20.00
Halloween expenses	-\$107.84
Net change	-\$53.84

Speaker:

Our speaker this month was Tim Cordell, Tim gave a beautiful slideshow presentation from his trip to Africa. It was really magnificent. We appreciate all his effort putting it together.

Business Meeting:

Marci said the meeting minutes for the January meeting are available for review in the back of the room if anyone would like to review them. Please forward any corrections to Kathy.

Upcoming events are elections in March; we have 4 vacancies on the Board.

We also have the Egg Hunt on April 11th. We will need some volunteers, please see Marci if you are interested in helping.

Committee reports:

- Treasurer's report was given-see details above.
- Events Committee report-we need some help for the Egg Hunt. Chrissy is leading up this activity. She may need some help at the next meeting.
- All committee chairpersons who have reports to submit, please give them to Tim for the FOPC file.

Old Business

- The Board met on the 13th of February and put together budget information for the upcoming year. Anyone interested in viewing this is welcome to stay after the meeting.

New Business

- Marci asked for a show of hands of those who came to the meeting because they received a postcard reminder. We are trying this new method as a way to improve our attendance at the monthly meetings.
- There was discussion about any interest in a Friend's campout in May for Welcome Back Weekend. This might be a good opportunity to recruit new members.

- Next month is our Annual Business Meeting. We have four vacancies/term expirations to fill. Here are some things you may want to know if you are interested:
 - All paid members are eligible to serve on the Board.
 - At the business meeting, paid members will nominate and vote for candidates for the Board.
 - Newly elected Board members will be seated in April.
 - At the Board meeting in April, those newly elected will be nominated and elected to the specific Board position.
 - The available positions are VP, Treasurer, an at large member (all 2 year terms) and Secretary for a 1 year term.

- There was discussion about amending the bylaws to allow for a different Board meeting schedule. Currently we meet after the monthly meeting and it is so late, it does work out well all the time. Perhaps quarterly meetings or hold meetings on days that the Friends Group is not already meeting.
- There was also discussion about amending the bylaws to allow the Board to make motions and vote on those motions via email.

The next meeting is March 17th at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center.

Marci reiterated that anyone at anytime can stay for the Board meeting.

Please check out our website at www.friendsofpotatocreek.org to stay up to date with events.