

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Meeting Minutes  
7/21/09      Location: PCSP Nature Center      7:00 PM

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

**Speaker:**

Brooke Artley was our speaker, she is an amateur astronomer. This is the year of Astronomy.

Some points from Brooke's speech:

- Red light works better to star gaze.
- This is the 40 year anniversary of the Hubble telescope and moon walk.
- A black hole is space is a star collapsing into itself.
- Some common constellations are Lyra, Aquila and Orion.
- Summer is the best time to see the Milky Way.

Brooke showed a very interesting DVD from NASA on the Orion Nebula.

**Business Meeting:**

Upcoming events are Tater Traditions on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We need volunteers, please see Tim if you can help.

The meeting minutes and Treasurer's report are available upon request.

The Summer newsletter was just sent out, if you did not get a copy, please see Marci.

We should be OK to start construction of the Springhouse very soon, it is located off Trail #4.

Meeting notice card feedback-there were a few that were not received.

There was an owl program at the Park which was excellent. It was standing room only. Live bird programs are very popular.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Hoosier River Watch will be at Potato Creek to conduct a workshop. We need to have at least 8 people sign up for this. See Tim right away if you are interested. There will be another workshop at St. Pat's Park on 9/12/09 if you cannot make this one.

There was a question asked about why the meeting minutes are no longer on the site, we need to get these to Tim to post.

**Our financials:**

Total assets = 6800.07

Treasurer's report (as of 7/19/09):

New memberships = \$0.00

Special events = \$0.00

NC donations = \$595.24

NC expenses = \$118.43

Speaker fund = \$6.00

Misc = \$0.00

**Net change = \$482.41**

Please check out our website at [www.friendsofpotatocreek.org](http://www.friendsofpotatocreek.org) to stay up to date with events.

