

Friends of Potato Creek State Park
Board Meeting Minutes February 16th, 2010

Members present: Chrissy McConnell, Melody, Jim Rahilly, John Richardson, Kathy Serrat

In Attendance: Jim Webb, Tim Cordell, Marie Hamstra from the Park

Absent: Ralph Campion, Marci deGroot

Meeting opened with the news of the death of Marci's father. Jim gave an update on this as far as they had heard. Condolences were expressed along with agreement to have a collection for plant or donation in his memory to The Nature Conservancy. Kathy agreed to handle this matter.

Then Tim took the chair! and presented an agenda.

1) Springhouse: nothing changed but there is a workday on 13th March at 1pm meeting at the cemetery parking lot.

2) SW Wetlands Trail/Lot - some work has been done on the lot, though weather has interfered its completion. Approval for the layout of the trail is awaited from the DNR. However, there is an all day workday on 17th April beginning at 9am. Lunch will be the 'left over' hotdogs and for buns, pop etc. John moved and Kathy seconded \$50.00 for the lunch expenses. All approved this motion.

3) Membership Cards were distributed to board members and tax receipt letters sent for donations by Kathy.

Marie was working on the renewal letters and cards along with cling/s.

4) Easter Egg Hunt = on April 3rd. Chrissy informed all that the program will be much as it was last year. If was moved and seconded to set the budget at \$200.00 for the event this year. There are a good number of items available from last year. All were requested to bring some candy to the next meeting so we can fill them during the meeting! Sign-ups will be done at next meeting. \$2.00 was agreed upon for pumpkins this year and flyers will be ready shortly.

5) Newsletter status: Melody's computer crashed and has been repaired. Should be out shortly along with ideas from this meeting.

6) Budget: Budget information for 2009 was presented and Tim gave an explanation of where we stand - tight cash flow and little 'extra' available. Kathy agreed to prepare a form of budget items and possible figures for next meeting. Money already slated for Parking Lot, 7500; 2000 for Springhouse; 1000 for operating expenses and restricted funds for projects and speaker and fixed costs like insurance, postage, etc. Halloween, Tater, and workdays and Egg hunt (already budgeted 250 for latter 2).

7) Of course, this led to discussion on fund raising projects: A night percentage at a eating place like Hacienda and Trivia night at the park (alcohol would be an issue), also raffle is a problem. However, no specific fundraiser agreed upon, other than some (?? who agreed) will look into one or other of them.

8) Elections for 2010-2011: Sign up list on table for possible nominee/s! Marci, Jim R and John's board memberships are open. Chrissy resigned secretary but still member of the board.

9) Marie reported on the Bird Festival n June and River Watch (June - September). Volunteers might be needed.

10) March Business Meeting topics:

Financial position of the Friends account, including committed money and need to finish up other sites/projects - landscaping, boardwalk in wetlands, trail itself.

Drop in membership

Fund-raiser/s

Program calendar for general meetings for meeting

No November or December meeting.

Presented as a possible record of the meeting!

Jim Rahilly