

Friends of Potato Creek State Park
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2010

- Marci deGroot started the meeting by thanking everyone for their contribution to her father's memorial and for their support to her in her father's passing. She also thanked and told everyone it was a pleasure being the president of the Friends group this last year.
- Announcements were made about the Egg Hunt set-up being at 8 am on April 3rd for all who are helping. The hunt will commence at 10:30 a.m.
- Another announcement was made about the upcoming April 17th Wetland Parking Lot workday. Lunch will be provided and all are invited to come help landscape the parking lot area.
- The March 13th springhouse workday was discussed. It was very successful. Some great artifacts were discovered. There is still more to clean-up and do so stay tuned for another work day.
- Marie Hamstra announced asking anyone interested in helping with the Bird Festival on June 5, 2010 to see her after the meeting so she can get an idea how much we can do based on the amount of help we have committed on volunteering that day. Stay tuned for more detailed planning with this in the next few months.
- Ralph Campion talked about the springhouse and how it needs wooden siding put on yet and they were hoping that this might be donated by someone tearing down old barns and so forth that have this older type of siding. Linda and Gene Matzat mentioned they might have an old building that still has some of that siding that could then be donated.
- John Richardson mentioned that anyone interested in helping out with water sampling for Hoosier River Watch here in the park to see him after the meeting as he and Marie begin to plan out their summer schedule for sampling the 3 areas in the park. Stay tuned for sampling details starting in the month of June.
- Marie Hamstra announced that thanks to the renewal letters she has received lots of positive feedback and an increase in memberships for 2010.
- The floor was opened for members to have the opportunity to give direction to the board on projects and priorities and what they would like to see the group pursue for the next year...
- Marie Hamstra stated how she is still looking into having Hacienda do a fundraiser give-back night. She is hoping they do this in January or February so that we can have it in place of one of our meetings for everyone to just meet at the restaurant instead.
- Dave and Kay Laney brought up the issue of how not very many neighbors to the park are participating or coming to meetings even when they send them out the postcards advertising it before every Friends meeting.
- Joyce Chambers suggested that we try a Neighbor part "Meet and Greet". Linda said to make it in May since she hadn't found a speaker yet for this time. So, the May meeting will be a neighborhood meet and greet. A sign up sheet was passed around and more details will be discussed at the April meeting.

- After the discussions were finished Marie Hamstra, John Richardson, Marci deGroot and Jim Rahilly were all voted in as board members for a two year term. Marie Hamstra will be filling the one year term for Ralph Campion who stepped down from his board position.
- The meeting was adjourned.
- All 7 board members met and voted in the new president: John Richardson, vice president: Melody Golubski, Treasurer: Kathy Serat, Secretary: Marci deGroot.