

Hello everyone,

The following is a summary of the meeting on May 14th, 2008, which started with a tour of the Nature Center at 7pm and then moved to the Park Office:

- David (last years President) gave a history of the Friends group and Treasurer Report
- Katrina volunteered to be President on an Interim basis.
- David volunteered to be Treasurer on an Interim basis. David and Jerry are authorized to sign checks.
- Jim talked briefly about the Friends Group running the Chalet two winters ago (net \$5528.79) and also about projects the group has completed.
 - Nature Center insulation, drywall and painting. Small Pond with fence outside the Nature Center.
 - OHIO garden in front of the Camp Office
 - Amphitheater Screen: Friends Group bought the supplies, Jeff and Josie from the park staff did the work.
 - Group purchased “pipe safes” or donation safes. Park staff installed them last year. Donations go to the Friends Group.
- Norm (Assistant Park Manager) talked about his vision for the Friends Group
- Sandy volunteered to take over the existing website and produce the newsletter
- Sandy said the official meeting should last about an hour, after which people could stay and discuss specific items if they needed to (People that needed to leave or that had a long drive could do so after the first hour).
- Chris has experience with car shows and has a friend that is a DJ
- Don talked about the musher trails and having a wheeled event if the ground was frozen but there was no snow.
- Carol and Katrina expressed interest in the Nature/History Section
- Katrina also had interest in Recruitment and the Golf Course Audubon certification
- Katrina said recruitment should be our number one priority at this time
- David, Jim, and Carol said their main interest was in the Campground Section
- Phillis, Don and Chris were interested in trail work. They are also members of the Siberian Husky Club
- Noon to 4pm on May 25th is “Meet the Naturalist”. The new Naturalist is Megan Acord
- There will be an ice cream social on May 24th, 2008 at the Nature Center from 1pm-3pm.
- The website is FriendsofPunderson.org or you can go to the Punderson State Park website and click on the link. This will also work for other Ohio state parks that have a Friends Group website, if you would like to see what they are doing.
- By laws, dues, and the membership form were briefly discussed

I hope this is accurate as I didn't take many notes. (We need a secretary).

Attendance: Chris Seminatone, Phillis and Don Pizmoht, Norm and Sandy Swann, Katrina Haas, David Kellogg, Jim Burtchin, and Carol Bye

Volunteer Hour Credit: 2 hours per person

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18th, 2008(3rd Wed of month) @ 7pm @ Sports Chalet.