

# Friends of Punderson StatePark

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## Minutes-February 12, 2008

Ms. Swann called the meeting to order 7:08 p.m.

Present: Chris Seminatore, Tom Mote, Norm and Sandy Swann, Jan Rybka, Don and Phyllis Pizmoht

### **Minutes**

The December meeting minutes were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, Ms. Rybka moved to approved the minutes. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. With no objections the motion passed.

### **Treasury Report**

Ms. Pizmoht distributed the financial report. The current balance in the Friends of Punderson account is \$6,322. Mr. Pizmoht moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Mote seconded. With no objections the motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Donor thanks- Ms. Swann sent thank you letters out to new members and donors, including Spears Tractor.

Pay Pal account-Ms. Swann reported that funds can be transferred from the Pay Pal account to the National City checking account. Ms. Swann will check to see if there is a fee to wire the money from Pay Pal to the checking account.

Web Site-The website has been updated with the latest approved minutes, events and the membership brochure.

Organizational Chart-Mr. Swann created an organizational chart for the organization. Mr. Swann obtained hats, visors, and name tags for volunteers.

Donation Report-Each year a donation report must be provided to the state. Mr. Swann shared the impressive report of contributions and accomplishments with members and thanked everyone for their contributions that benefited the park in 2008.

Membership Brochure-Ms. Rybka created a membership brochure. Members suggested some minor changes for clarification. Copies have been printed for distribution at Punderson Lodge, the park office and at the gazebo.

Table Cover-Ms. Rybka and Ms. Pizmoht obtained estimates for a Friends of Punderson 8 foot table cover. Ms. Pizmoht obtained a good quote for an 8ft. cover made with vinyl. The group decided to use Signs & Stuff at a cost of \$200, which is within the prescribed budget.

Ms. Rybka motioned to approve the expenditure for the table cover. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. With no objections the motion passed.

Sled Dog Races-Due to weather conditions, the early January weekend was canceled and the backup dates are February 21-22 or March 7-8<sup>th</sup>. The Friends of Punderson will host an information table. Ms. Swann noted that will send a notice if the races will be held, along with volunteer registration by email. The table will be set up in the Pro Shop.

Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks (FPOSP)-Friends of Punderson is part of the Ohio State Park Friends Group. Mr. Swann sent in the \$25 annual fee. Ms. Swann will be the Contact Person. Ms. Swann will place a link from the Friends of Punderson website to the FPOSP website.

Park entrance signage-Mr. Swann has placed an order for the addition of the Friends of Punderson web address ([www.friendsofpunderson.com](http://www.friendsofpunderson.com)) for the entrance sign on Rt. 87.

Trail markers-Pizmoht estimated the cost of \$650 for 62 posts at 6 per mile. 10.25 miles of trail, 6 posts per mile. Rybka motioned to approve the purchase of supplies for mile markers. Mr. Mote Seconded. Approved.

## **New Business**

Legacy Grant-Mr. Mote prepared a draft proposal for funding through the Legacy Grant for the creation of a Disc (Frisbee) Golf Course. Only members of the Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks may receive a Legacy Grant and each grant must have a 50% match/cost share. The course is intended to be an 18 hole, professional level course that will be available for families, disc golf teams, tournaments, etc. Members suggested minor additions/changes to the proposal. Mr. Mote has secured some match commitments through sponsorships. He will finalize the budget, with Mr. Swann. Mr. Swann will also provide a copy of the Friends of Punderson 2009 Budget for inclusion in the grant. Members discussed providing additional matching funds. Mr. Seminatore motioned to provide match \$1,500 for the match if the grant is received. Ms. Pizmoht second. With no objections the motion passed.

Mr. Mote reported that a demonstration of Disc Golf is scheduled on May 2 & 3. It is a family oriented event aimed at getting people better acquainted with the sport. Ms. Swann will place information about the event on the website.

Fundraising opportunity-Mr. Pizmoht distributed information about Interstate Batteries' fundraising opportunity. Interstate Batteries will provide the Friends with 40% of the sale price of each battery. The friends discussed the project and there will be an inquiry about selling the batteries at various park locations.

Mr. Seminatore shared a fundraising idea. Friends of Hocking Hills hold an annual Motorcycle Poker Run, followed by a pig roast. Attendees pay an entrance fee and may also

participate in the “poker game” for an additional fee. This event attracts a good crowd and would be a good way to showcase Northeast Ohio Parks.

### **Upcoming events**

- 5th annual Spring Symposium for all state friends April 4, April 3 Mohican meet and greet. Call for special rate. Check website [www.fposp.org](http://www.fposp.org)
- Paddle Quest-August
- Fall Campout Date-Saturday, October 10. Volunteers are needed to help with games and activities.

Mr. Fischbach reported by phone that the state budget is bleak, and there are no changes in the 2009 fiscal year budget. Governor Strickland is expecting funding through the federal stimulus package, which will help the state parks next biennial budget.

**Next Meeting Date / Time Tuesday March 10, 2009 at the park office, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is the following meeting.**

Mr. Seminatore moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pizmoht second. Meeting adjourned:  
9:28 p.m.