

Friends of Punderson StatePark

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Minutes-March 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

The February minutes were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, Ms. Pizmoht moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Seminatore seconded. With no objections the motion passed.

Treasurers Report-Ms. Pizmoht reported that current balance in the Friends account is \$5803.46. The following payments were made: Friends of Ohio State Parks membership fee-\$27.09, purchase of Friends of Punderson table cover \$195, and supplies to build the trail markers-\$297.25.

Ms. Swann reported that the website has been updated to include the new brochure both the home page and membership page. The membership brochures were placed at the lodge, camp ground, gazebo, marina and the park office. The Events Page has new information about upcoming activities in the parks.

Ms. Swann mentioned that the Statewide Friends Spring Symposium meeting is April 3-4, 2009. Mr. Mote and possibly Mr. Seminatore are planning to attend. Ms. Rybka moved to ask the Friends of Punderson to pay for the registration fee of \$45 for up to two members to attend the Spring Symposium. Ms. Swann Seconded. The motion was approved.

Mr. Pizmoht reported that the supplies for the trail markers were purchased and the markers are being assembled.

Ms. Pizmoht displayed the new 8 foot table cover with the Friends of Punderson logo and website. The cover can be used whenever a display is put up. The group commended Ms. Pizmoht.

Legacy Grant-Mr. Mote applied for a Legacy Grant through the **State Friends group** for an 18 hole Disc Golf Course. Mr. Mote also is looking for sponsors to help with additional funding to build the course. A Disc Golf -World's Biggest Disc Golf Course Weekend is scheduled for May 2-3 at Punderson State Park to help raise awareness and funds for the course. Another fundraising event is being planned at Syms Park in Euclid that could potentially raise \$1000 to help build the Punderson course. The original proposal is to build a 18 hole course, but it can be scaled back to 9 holes if less funding can be obtained.

Mr. William Cleveland would like to provide a donation for the amphitheater and trail making.

New Business

Poker Run-Mr. Seminatore discussed the idea about a Poker Run fundraiser. This fundraiser targets motorcyclists and features a Bar-B-Que dinner. For a small entrance fee, bikers can follow the route that will take them through Tinkers Creek, Nelson's Ledges, West Branch, Mosquito and Punderson State Parks. Those interested may participate in the poker game in an attempt to win cash prizes. In addition to the lunch, participants also receive T-shirts that will be produced with help from sponsors. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, driving route assistance, assistance at each stop along the route, and serving diner. Possible dates in August-September. Mr. Swann and Mr. Seminatore will gather additional information from other *Friends* groups. Ms. Rybka moved to have Mr. Seminatore obtain more information about costs and potential income. Seconded by Mr. Pizmoht. Motion was approved

Kids Trout Derby-April 18 9-noon. This is a well-attended event that is held for a maximum of 100 children, ages 5-15. Mr. Fischbach secures donations for the participants, Punderson Lodge donates hot dogs. Reservations will be taken starting on April 6th., Volunteer are needed to assist with distribution of membership information..

There being no further discussion, Mr. Seminatore motioned to adjourn. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.