

Friends of Punderson StatePark

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Minutes-April 7, 2009

Ms. Swann called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

Present: Chris Seminatore, Tom Mote, Norm and Sandy Swann, Jan Rybka, Don and Phyllis Pizmoht, Bill Cleveland, Bev and Nick Fischbach, Peter Donnelly, Michel Ballash, Marty Shelnutt, Jud Shelnutt

Minutes

The March meeting minutes were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, Ms. Moved to approve 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. The Cleveland family trust donated \$3,754 for amphitheater or trail work. Ms. Swann moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Seminatore seconded. With no objections the motion passed.

Old Business

Donor thanks- Ms. Swann will send a thank you letter to the Cleveland Family trust.

Trail markers-Mr. Pizmoht reported that the trails are flagged for the mile markers and the pipes are in on Erie Trail. Each trail will be marked by color. The project, is aimed at making the trails easier to follow and will provide an added safety measure. So far the project is under budget.

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

Membership Brochure-The membership brochure has been copied and distributed at Punderson Lodge, the park office and at the gazebo.

Poker Run-This is a new fundraising idea for Punderson State Park. The event is aimed at routing motorcyclists to run to various parks in the Punderson region and is fashioned after the successful Hocking Hills Poker Run. This event incorporates a poker game as an added venue, food. The committee discussed stops at Tinkers Creek, Nelson Ledges, Mosquito Lake and possibly West Branch, which is approximately 112 miles and will take 3-4 hours with stops. Mr. Seminatore spoke to a food vendor about food options and potential donations, which could include businesses near the various stops. A date will be needed and the final trail established.

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

New Business

Legacy Grant-Mr. Mote's proposal to the Legacy Grant (Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks) for the creation of a Disc (Frisbee) Golf Course was funded in the amount of \$500. 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 Disc course is intended to be an 18 hole, professional level course that will be available for families, disc golf teams, tournaments, etc. Work will begin immediately on establishing the targets for the course Other potential donors were identified.

Tom attended state friends meeting; Sean Logan said there is no dedicated funding for state parks FPSOP website OST recreation study committee recommendations. Grant writing seminar was helpful.

Walmart may be a funder and Mote will check. We received the Legacy Grant \$ 500 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. The committee congratulated Mr. Mote for his hard work. Ms. Swann will place information about the event on the website.

Mr. Mote motioned to move forward with building at least 5 targets. Rybka seconded. The motion passed.

If the federal volunteer corps (for 18-24 year olds) is re-instated, there may be the ability to get assistance for trail maintenance.

The committee discussed other fundraising options, including placing donation boxes in the park. Mr. Seminatore motioned to purchase two Pipe Safe Donation boxes for \$50. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. The motion passed.

There was a brief discussion about drilling gas wells on state park lands. More information can be found on the -\$3 million per year. Check on the Friends for the Preservation of Ohio State Parks web site. www.fposp.org.

Norm Swann mentioned chief agreed to pay for sign a Main Entrance, web address on both sides with logo.

Archery Range-Mr. Ballash reported that the archery range, which was designed by volunteers, is almost completed. Need stairs and platforms, targets are in place Bows need to be purchased for visitor use. There may be grants for purchasing the equipment. The committee discussed liability issues and the need for instruction, waivers, and age restrictions and perhaps bow restrictions.

The Archery Committee hopes to attract people to the range by holding events. Holding an archery tournament could be a good fundraiser and help support the campground and lodge

in off season. Mr. Ballash will help plan for September for weekend shoot with vendors.. Xanterra can co-market with packages at discount and put on website and can link to Friends website.

Organizational chart-Ms. Swann indicated that the Friends of Punderson is growing. New members are offering to assist in various activities, such as the archery range, disk golf, satellite parks, golf course, nature, history, newsletter, website, membership (section chief)

Upcoming events

- Trout Derby-April 18 registrations children ages 5-15. 75 kids signed up. Hot dogs, Italian sausage, drinks donated, rod/reel combo or tackle box as give aways. Volunteer assistance needed, contact Nick Fischbach. FOP table will be set up with membership info. Mr. Fischbach received \$1,050 in donations.
- Underwater boat search-April 18 to scuba at 1 p.m. FOP volunteers plan to search for the Cleveland Family's sunken ship. Seminatore may dive and take photographs and the information will be included on the Water Trail map.
- Paddle Quest-August
- Fall Campout Date-Saturday, October 10. Volunteers are needed to help with games and activities.

New business-Mr. Fischbach distributed Certificates of Appreciation to the following volunteers: Don and Phyliss Pizmoht, Chris Seminatore, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cleveland, Mike Ballash, Doug Sheleg, Norm Swann

Peter Donalley was introduced. He is the manager of Punderson Lodge.

The Cleveland family reunion is planned for 2010 at the Park. Mr. Cleveland indicated that family members may provide additional donations to support park needs. Mr. Fischbach mentioned that there will be a dedication of the road way **William Cleveland Parkway** at the end of June or in July.

Next Meeting Date / Time Tuesday May 12, 2009 at the park office, 7:00 p.m.

Tentative --Tuesday, June 2 is the following meeting.

Mr. Seminatore moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pizmoht second. Meeting adjourned: 8:49 p.m.