



Friends of Punderson State Park

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October 6, 2009 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at: 7:07 p.m. by Liz Hill

Present: Liz Hill, Marshall Hill, Bev Fischbach, Nick Fischbach, Don Pizmoht, Phyllis Pizmoht, Jan Rybka, Mike Ballash

The board minutes were reviewed and corrections made. Mr. Hill motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Pizmoht seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Pizmoht reported \$117.29 income from the Archery Deer Hunters Warm Up and \$40.00 from their raffle. Expenses this month were \$ for the archery course signs. The current balance is \$8,225.78

Old Business

The 2010 fiscal year began on October 1. Submit volunteer hours for October 2008-September 2009 to Nick Fischbach as soon as possible.

Event Activity Sheet – Ms. Hill revised the activity sheet as suggested. The final version will be mailed to the members.

Fall Festival Banner-Ms. Hill reported that the banner has been updated for this year's festival and will be reusable in future years. The cost for the banner was \$55.61. Ms. Pizmoht moved to reimburse Ms. Hill for expenses in the amount of \$55.61. Ms. Rybka second. Motion approved.

Fall Festival – Ms. Hill mentioned that a Chardon Polka Band will donate their services for the event. Other activities will include costume judging, campground trick or treating, treasure hunt, games, and demonstrations of archery, disc golf and the sled dogs, and the hayrides 2-5:30 p.m.. The Shellnuts will cook and serve the food that will include cookie treats, chili hot dogs, and soda at 3:30. They will also help with raffle tickets. There will be a 50-50 raffle and main raffle with the drawing at 5:30 p.m. Winners must be present. Items include brunch at the lodge, camping, and a candy jar. A family oriented movie will be shown at 7:00 p.m. with popcorn served. Ms. Rybka will serve as the greeter and photographer. Volunteers will gather for a working lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Nature Center. A schedule will be posted on the friendsofpunderson.com site. Ms. Rybka moved to provide \$50 to Ms. Hill for purpose of the remaining fall festival items. Mr. Shellnut seconded. Motion carried.

Poker Run-Due to family concerns, Mr. Seminatore asked to postpone the Poker Run in 2010.

Classic Rock Concert-Plans are underway for the July 11, 2010 Rock concert. Mr. Fischbach has been discussing the event with Susan Wagner of the local Kiwanis group. No outside food vendors will be permitted.

New Business

Friends of Punderson membership-the 2010 membership dues are now due. The group discussed providing shirts for active volunteers as an added incentive. Current dues start at \$10 per person. Mr. Shellnut moved to keep dues at their current level. Ms. Fischbach seconded. Motion carried.

Archery events- Mr. Ballash plans to hold archery shoots on May 29 and August 28, 2010.

Website – Mr. Hill reported that the website is being updated. Each page will feature photos referring to the page contents. Ms. Rybka suggested listing volunteer opportunities with each event.

Auditing Committee-Each October, the state requires a general audit of the Friends groups. The Shellnuts will conduct the audit.

New Projects for 2010 – Ms. Hill suggested a season-long Raffle and Membership Drive. The raffle could help raise funds for a new playground. Corporate donors could be contacted for earmarked funds or funds could be raised for memorial benches.

Christmas in July –The event was briefly discussed. During and after the holidays is a good time to buy supplies. Ms. Fischbach offered to look for supplies. Ms. Rybka motioned to provide a \$75 budget for supplies. Mr. Pizmoht seconded. Motion carried.

“Friend-of –the Year” Award-The group discussed creating a Friend of the Year Award to recognize dedicated volunteers. Mr. Fischbach acknowledged the hard work of all the volunteers, especially the Pizmohts who totaled 139 hours.

Park publicity-Ms. Rybka will work on a historical article to submit to the Geauga Maple leaf along with a listing of the 2010 events. Mr. Fischbach said that event information can be sent to Jean Bachs in Columbus for listing in the Ohio State Parks magazine. Her number is 614-265-6511.

State budget-Mr. Fischbach said the Ohio State Park budget is now under \$33 million. Increased cuts are being made. The state has acquired Wingfoot Lake as its newest park and staff from the different regions are being asked to help manage the property. It will be open for Memorial Day. At Punderson Park, the Conservation Corps were helpful in completing projects. Mr. Fischbach is looking into obtaining stimulus funds to update the electricity.

**** Next Meeting Date / Time – November 4th, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. in Park Office .**

Mr. Hill moved to close the meeting at 9:05 p.m.. Mr. Shellnut seconded. Motion carried.