

FRIENDS OF FINDLEY STATE PARK, INC.

MINUTES April 7, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Bill Martin, President

Members present included Bill Martin, Chris Keltz, Bill and Laura Leitner, Bridget Derrick, Joe and Margaret Bedrick, Roger Nikiforow, Denise Michalske, Chris and Mary Claire Fox, Doug and Peggy Hastings, Dave Johnston, Shelly Foster, and Don and Anita Cassidy.

A Certification of Appreciation was presented to Dave Johnston in recognition of his contributions to creating and maintaining the Friends of Findley State Park.

Chris Fox moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written. Doug Hastings seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report - Checking has a total of \$XXX. The Building Fund has \$XXX, which includes the \$XXX grant from LMRE. Denise Michalski reported that the IRS does not approve of groups having large amounts of money on hand, and that we should spend some of it soon.

Old Business

Re-Enactment Group - Roger Nikiforow reported that the group will be back this year on the July 4th weekend. They are hoping to be a little larger this year.

Amphitheater - Bill Martin will talk to Brian Fox to see what he needs to finish up the amphitheater. We would like to have a dedication ceremony on Memorial Day weekend.

Karaoke - No news on Karaoke at this time

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday the 11th is the hunt. It will be held at the point area at 11:00 am.

Committee Reports

Disc Golf - Bill Martin passed around sample of tee signs designed by Ben Simonson. They will be printed on plastic or metal and placed at each tee. Bulletin boards are also being made by Brian and Ron (park staff). Our group has \$XXX earmarked for Disc Golf, and it was mentioned that \$XXX would probably cover the cost of all materials needed to complete signs, bulletin boards, and purchase a practice basket for the camp office area. Bridget Derrick moved that we increase the amount allocated for Disc Golf to \$ XXX. Bill Leitner seconded. Motion passed. It was also decided to have a deadline of Memorial Day to have bulletin boards up, and to possibly have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the course.

Trail Renovation – Joe reported that it was decided to use the original trail after walking it with Brian Andrews. Brian would like a trail brochure as well. Joe said he could use his GPS to “bread crumb” the trails, and use those coordinates to make a map of the trails. Saturday, April 18th will be the first work party. Meet at the Nature Center at 10:00 am. Sunday the 19th at noon. Tops from old picnic tables can be used as boardwalks in wet areas of the trail. Anybody at the Easter Egg Hunt on the 11th can help take tables apart. Joe would like some money to make signs. As work progresses, we will see what is needed and decide on an amount then.

Membership – No report from membership committee

Root Beer Float – No new report from committee.

Car Show - The next committee meeting will be at Hazel Pruitt's house at 7:00 pm. There will be an ad in next month's Cruisin' Times. Donor letters are ready if anybody is interested. Contact Chris Keltz. Prize categories will remain the same, but there will be a different voting system. WOBL will not do a remote broadcast this year. Domino's will put ad on their pizza boxes. Dash plaques will be the same as they have been for now. Everyone will get one. Tim Krosse is going to have a disc golf demo, and Roger will hold activities at the beach for kids. Tim and Shelly Foster's Girl Scout troop will help him. Bill and Laura Leitner will run the concession stand. Mark Baker from GLW cable could tape event and run on the local channel. It will be a good way to promote next year's show. Chris Keltz will look into it. The main obstacles this year will be getting donations for raffle items and goodie bags.

Website - Chris Fox put a link on gasbuddy.com

New Business

Bridget Derrick brought up some needs and suggestions. The Nature Center could really use a lift. A new computer, new lights, some paint, etc... would really make a difference. Roger will be the chair for the committee, and Dave Johnston will be co-chair. Roger was asked for a Wish List.

FPOSP Spring Symposium - Bill Martin, Chris Keltz, and Bill and Laura Leitner attended this year's symposium.

Clean Up Day is May 16th. Bridget requested funds for flowers and hot dogs. Chris Fox moved to approve up to \$XXX for flowers and refreshments. Marilyn Cassidy seconded. Motion passed. It was also suggested that the group purchase a grill for events. Doug Hastings will look into pricing.

Denise Michalske suggested that the group create a Face Book page. Chris Fox moved to create a Face Book page. Mary Claire seconded. Motion passed. Denise and Matt Michalske will manage the page, and Mary Claire will assist.

Ghost Stories - Ghost Stories will be on September 26 at the point.

The lock on the pipe safe is Chris Fox's. We need to get 4 locks keyed alike for pipe safes. Chris Keltz moved to purchase 4 new locks. Bill Leitner seconded. Motion passed. Doug Hastings will purchase locks.

As there was no further discussion, Mary Claire Fox moved to adjourn. Denise Michalske seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.