

## **MINUTES - Friends of Findley State Park, Inc. April 3, 2007**

**Officers present: President Bill Martin, Secretary Laura Leitner, Treasurer Chris Fox. Members present: Bridget Derrick, Jan Ford, Mark Ford, Mary Claire Fox, Peggy Hastings, Chris Keltz, Bill Leitner, Roger Nikiforow, Joe Bedrick, Ginger Mateer, Marilyn Marion, Hazel Pruitt, and Bob Repas.**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Bill Martin**

**1. Minutes from last meeting** - There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

**2. Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Chris Fox reported that the starting balance in our account was \$X,XXX.xx. \$XXX.xx had been received from the Wellington Eagles for the purchase of a taser for the park rangers. There was also a yearly Post Office Box fee of \$72.00 which left a balance of \$X,XXX.xx.

### **3. Old Business**

**A. Open House** - Joe Bedrick gave an update on groups and activities planned, and a sign up sheet was passed around for volunteering opportunities. Some of the groups participating are: Silver Wheels cycling club, naturalist activities, kayak and boating activities, Lorain County Bass Club fishing clinic, geocaching activities and demos, Avalon RV, Disc Golf demos and instruction, mountain bike club, and others as program is developed.

Advertising will be posted in the Wellington Enterprise, Post and other publications per Mary Claire's information. There will also be a posting on the GLW cable channel. Flyers will be posted by members in areas of public use, such as bulleting boards in stores and libraries.

Weather permitting, there will be a movie, popcorn, and campfire later in the evening. The folk band Eskimo Tailor will play from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Their fee is \$50.00 and one night's free camping. The park will provide the free night of camping, and Hazel Pruitt made a motion for FOF to pay the \$50.00. Laura Leitner seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

A pot luck supper will be held for all volunteers working the Open House that day. Friends of Findley will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, soft drinks, and dinner ware. Volunteers are asked to bring a side dish. There will be a sign up sheet at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

There will be an Open House Committee meeting on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Center at 7:00pm. Anybody wishing to participate in the planning and organization of the Open House is encouraged to attend.

**B. Group Logo** - Discussion of agreeing on a group logo was tabled for next meeting.

**C. Dues** - Discussion was tabled for executive board meeting to work out ramifications and present at next general meeting.

D. **Pipe Safes** - We have 2 that need to be painted and installed. They will be used to collect donations for Friends of Findley. It was agreed upon to wait until the landscaping around the Nature Center is a little more finalized before deciding on a location to install them. Bob Repas offered his welding assistance if needed to attach identification signs on them.

E. **Easter Egg Hunt** - Bridget Derrick reported that everything was arranged with over 2,000 eggs ready to hide at picnic point, face painting, door prizes, and the Easter Bunny paying a visit.

F. **Bulletin Boards** - Joe Bedrick reported that models for the bulletin boards that he designed have been submitted to the park for consideration. The bulletin boards will be paid for an installed by the park, and will be available to post flyers and notices for Friends activities.

F. **Brochure and website development** - Tabled for future discussion

G. **Cruise In** - Bill Martin and Chris Keltz reported that 2 major sponsors have been procured- Lee Schubert, and NAPA. The show will be limited to 300 participants. "Save the date" postcards were printed by Chris Keltz to be mailed out to last year's participants. Other donors and sponsors are firming up. There will be a Cruise In committee meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Nature Center at 7:00 pm. Laura Leitner will keep a list of all businesses solicited so there will be minimal duplicates. Please report all solicitations to her at [friendsoffindley@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsoffindley@yahoo.com).

#### 4. New Business

A. **Popcorn Concession** - Roger Nikiforow asked if the Friends group would like to take over the popcorn concession at the Saturday night movies. The group would supply all popcorn and supplies, and all the donations would then come to the group. There was a discussion about better exposure and signage to encourage more donations. Bob Repas motioned to take over the popcorn concession. Jan Ford seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

B. **By-Laws** - Availability of By-Laws and Mission Statement was brought up. The group was informed that the By-Laws and Mission Statement were on public website locations and were included in the application for the 501-C-3.

5. **Discussion** - There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.