

FRIENDS OF FINDLEY STATE PARK, INC.

MINUTES January 6, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Bill Martin, President

Members present included Bill Martin, Chris Keltz, Bill and Laura Leitner, Hazel Pruitt, Doug and Peggy Hastings, Bridget Derrick, Joe and Margaret Bedrick, Chris and MaryClaire Fox.

Minutes from previous meeting were read, Doug Hastings moved to accept as read, Hazel Pruitt seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Checking has a total of \$X.XXX.XX. The Building Fund has \$XX,XXX.XX, which includes the \$X,XXX.XX grant from LMRE.

Old Business

Amphitheater - The amphitheater is just about completed. We need to find out what Brian needs to finish it up. There was discussion about a dedication ceremony on Memorial weekend, and present him with a plaque.

Committee Reports

Disc Golf - Bridget reported that Tim is planning more holes and clearing trees. We still have \$XXX.XX dollars earmarked for the Disc Course. The PDGA turned down our application for a grant to improve disc courses. Our ideas were not innovative enough.

Root Beer Float – Hazel agreed to be chairman. It was suggested that we send a Certificate of Appreciation to Dominos.

Membership – Bill Martin brought examples of packets for the Corporate membership category. He would like to see NAB become a member.

Building – Everything is at a standstill until we get a location approved. We have plans and a materials list to get estimates. The state's North Shore Crew would be able to put it up. We need to put a thermometer banner up somewhere. The Wellington Enterprise will do an article about the project.

Car Show - The car show is set for June 28th. The committee will meet after the February meeting. Start thinking about sponsors. Names could be put on banners, on ads, etc....

New Business

There will be a retirement party for Dave Johnston on Feb 15th at Basil's Lounge in Elyria.

NAB would like to sponsor a Halloween ride. Discussion was tabled for later in the season.

Chris Fox moved to approve up to \$XXX.XX to purchase supplies for bean soup for the Winter Hike on Feb. 7th. Chris Keltz seconded. Motion approved. It was suggested that we work on some kind of soup competition with other Friends groups for next year.

The people movers will be available from the Fair Board for the car show this year. We need to keep our end of the bargain and help with supplying tires or paint for the wagons. Chris Keltz will look into the cost of tires, and Chris Fox will look into paint possibilities.

Joe Bedrick proposed a new project of adopting a trail that has fallen into disrepair over the last few years. He will chair the project and has asked that people submit ideas of features that they have seen at other parks. A Saturday or Sunday will be picked to walk the trail and see what can be done by National Trail Days on June 6th. Chris Fox moved to approve the proposal, Doug Hastings seconded, and Motion passed.

Bill Leitner moved to approve payment of dues to the FPOSP for 2009 in the amount of \$XX.XX. Chris Fox seconded, motion passed.

The need to keep track of volunteer hours was brought up. An attendance notebook will be at all projects and meetings for members and non-members to sign. Hours will then be put on a spreadsheet for easy reporting.

Doug Hastings was nominated for the office of Vice President. He accepted the nomination.

There were no nominations for Treasurer. Nominations will be accepted until January 27th.

As there was no further business, Chris Fox moved to adjourn. Chris Keltz seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05