

# **FRIENDS OF FINDLEY STATE PARK, INC.**

## **MINUTES MARCH 4, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Bill Martin, President

Members present included Bill Martin, Laura Leitner, Doug Hastings, Bill Leitner, Peggy Hastings, Joe and Margaret Bedrick, and Brian Andrews. Special guest speaker was Brian Fox and his father.

Reading of the minutes was dispensed with because of inclement weather conditions and to allow Brian to give his presentation before weather got worse. Copies of minutes were passed out at the beginning of the meeting. Margaret Bedrick moved to approve minutes as written with one correction in the total of our building account, Doug Hastings seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was sent via email and read to the members present. Doug Hastings moved to approve the report as read, Peggy Hastings seconded, motion passed.

The first order of business was a presentation by Brian outlining his Eagle Scout Project proposition. He would like to build a new stage for the amphitheater. His presentation included a blueprint, estimated cost, and possible uses for the stage. He pointed out that a larger stage with power and easier access would be a benefit to the entire community. His proposal was to solicit as much of the building expense and materials as he could, and construct the stage with the help of volunteers that he would provide. He will be working with a consultant throughout the entire project who will guide him through each stage. Brian's goal is to have the stage finished by May 31st. His presentation was very professional and complete. At the end of the presentation, Brian asked the group for our support. This would include financial help if needed to complete the project. Bill Leitner moved that Friends of Findley commit to help Brian, Doug Hastings seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Car Show** - Bill Martin reported that Bridget informed him that the people movers will be available to use since the Scottish games are the next weekend. Letters of solicitation were passed out if anybody wanted to start asking for door prize or raffle items. Cruisin' Times will be making the registration form, and we are waiting for them to send it to us so we can post it on our website.

**Web Site** - Our website is up and running! Check it out at [www.friendsoffindley.org](http://www.friendsoffindley.org). It is still a work in progress, but the basic information is there. Content and suggestions are welcome.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Brian Andrews relayed a request from Bridget for hot chocolate, cups and perhaps additional candy (especially chocolate) for the plastic eggs. Laura Leitner moved to provide hot chocolate, cups, and candy up to a total expense of \$50.00. Bill Leitner seconded, motion passed.

**FPOSP Symposium** - A reminder to register for the Spring Symposium was mentioned. Again, it would be great to have a large representation from Findley State Park at the symposium. Discussion of reimbursing attendees was tabled for the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Legacy Foundation Grant** - Bill Martin took advantage of being informed of the opportunity to apply for a grant to help fund projects planned for this year. One of those projects is to expand the Disc Golf course to 18 holes. Tim Krosse provided the information needed as far as plans on how this will be accomplished as well as estimated cost. We will have to wait until the Spring Symposium on April 5th to find out if we were approved and how much was granted. Everybody at the meeting was in agreement of this course of action.

**Report from Brian Andrews** - Brian reported that the state has made drastic budget cuts. These have forced him to cut back on seasonal staffing for the summer. This means that cleaning and maintenance will suffer. It may also mean shorter hours that the camp store is open and fewer programs.

**Shelter House** - As we get closer to realizing our goal of building a shelter house, there was a discussion as to how best proceed. It was decided that a Building committee will be formed and report progress to the group at the general meetings.

As there was no further desire to discuss other topics because the ice was getting thicker and thicker on the roads, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.