

Friends of Findley State Park
Meeting – November 6 , 2007
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Bill Martin, Pres.

Members present included Bill Martin, Doug Hastings, Laura Leitner, Hazel Pruitt, Bill Leitner and Chris Fox . Brian Anderson was also in attendance. New member Tim Foster was introduced. He and his wife are leaders of a Girl Scout troop and are looking forward to participating in events with the park.

Minutes from October were read. Doug Hastings moved to approve as read, Joe Bedrick seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – The deposits from the two fall weekends totaled \$808.18. Our balance is now \$X,XXX.xx in the general fund account, and \$X,XXX.xx in the building account that was established last month.

Receipts were turned in for \$20 gift card that was donated for the Chili Cook-off, an unknown amount for the donuts bought for the Halloween Hospitality night. An invoice for \$50 was received from Hoffman Greenhouse for the flowers used at Spring Cleanup.

Correspondences

A very nice Thank You was received from Bridgett for the group's support this year.

A notice was received from the FPOSP that the Fall General Meeting was moved from November 10th to the 17th.

Old Business

Car Show – This year's car show will be on June 22nd. The two choices for DJ were discussed. Last year's DJ was \$375 for 4 hours, but the people at the end of the parking lot were not able to hear him very well, and there were some complaints. Chris Keltz has found a DJ who has wireless speakers, and he charges \$75 per hour for the first 3 hours, and \$50 an hour thereafter. A decision will be made at January's meeting. Chris also encouraged everybody to visit the Cruisin' Times website and vote for our cruise in. Show enthusiasts use the standings to choose which shows they want to participate in.

Web Site – JVS class will create the website under the guidance Tim Kross's wife. Bill Leitner will help develop and maintain the website. A meeting in late December or January will be planned.

By-Laws - Vote to approve By-Laws will be put off till January to give people more time to review them.

Membership – Bill Martin would like to go after corporate sponsors.

Bulletin Boards - Brian Anderson will see about getting 3-4 made. Possibly having a Scout group make them.

Pipe Safes - One pipe safe was installed shortly before the fall campout. It has not been checked to date.

New Business

Park Update - Brian Anderson presented a review of the park's accomplishments of 2007 and plans for 2008.

2007- The boat rental concession, which was started late in the season, brought in \$XX,XXX.xx. Electric was added to approximately 100 sites, and equipment upgrades included a new cruiser, a Taser, backhoe attachment, cell phones for the rangers, a Cub Cadet, and a full time ranger was added.

2008- Shower house 2 has been gutted and will be remodeled. Shower house 1 will only get partitions. A new sign for the main entrance and camp entrance are planned. 2 parking spaces for the primitive/group area will be put in.

Brian is also working on a "Wish List" with items that the group may be able to help out with, such as putting in a paved path to the picnic shelter.

There was a brief discussion about past events and "Park" vs. "Friends" sponsored events. In the past there was some confusion at events, and every effort will be made to clarify this ahead of time, but it was stressed that all events are for the benefit of the park, and everybody should cooperate with that spirit in mind.

"Findley's Outdoor Adventure Series" - Joe Bedrick is working on a series of "adventures" to offer visitors spread out through the year. Discussed the idea of having a "prize" if you complete a certain number of the planned activities. Joe would like to have a meeting in January at the Spirit of 76 Museum. He will get a date from Rodger.

Disc Golf - The possibility of expanding the 9 hole course to 18 by moving the tees was brought up. This would be a good promotion as we could then sponsor invitationals.

Buttons - A need for more button supplies was raised. Chris Fox moved to purchase 500 button sets. Doug seconded. Motion passed. Chris Fox will order.

As there was no further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.