

FRIENDS OF FINDLEY STATE PARK, INC.

MINUTES SEPT. 2, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Bill Martin, President

Members present included Bill Martin, Bill and Laura Leitner, Chris and Mary Claire Fox, Doug and Peggy Hastings, Chris Keltz, Joe and Margaret Bedrick, and Tim and Shelly Foster.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and Laura noted that the list of Attendees needed to be corrected. Doug Hastings moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mary Claire Fox seconded, motion passed.

There was a brief discussion about the group paying for camping. It was decided that we only offer to pay camping fees for non-profit service groups, such as scouts, or for somebody that we would normally hire, such as an entertainment group. Members of the group would not be eligible for free camping unless offered by the Park. Chris Fox made the motion, Tim Foster seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented by Chris Fox. Chris reported that we have a balance of \$XXX in the building account, and \$XXX in the general fund. \$XXX was collected from the pipe safe. Most of the monies were from the donations received for popcorn at the Saturday night movies which get deposited into the pipe safe. He also reported the Bryan Fox has raised a total of \$XXX so far for the stage project. He has \$XXX available out of that. Doug Hastings moved to approve the treasurer's report, Peggy Hastings seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Pancake Breakfast - The pancake breakfast planned for this year has been tabled for now. More information needs to be gathered so we know more about how to do one. Hopefully next year. Bill Martin and Bill Leitner will look into the possibility of having a spaghetti dinner at the Eagle's club in Wellington sometime after the first of the year.

Disc Golf - Tim Krosse really loved what was done at the service day in August. We still have received the grant money, but Tim has the money to make signs.

Committee Reports

Web Site – There have been 2,241 hits on the website, and more photos were added.

Root Beer Float – The Labor Day social was light but steady and brought in approximately \$XXX. There are 2.5 tubs of ice cream left and 16 bottles of root beer. Spoons and straws will be needed in the future, but cups and napkins are fine. We discussed the possibility of using the rest of the ice cream and root beer during the hay rides on Oct. 4. If we only accept donations, a health certificate would not be necessary.

Membership – The September activity project was moved to Sept. 27 because of a conflict of schedules with the shelter house. Chris Fox moved that we use the balance on the GFS rebate card and up to \$20 additional to buy supplies for the event. Hot chocolate and s'mores are planned. Shelly Foster's Girl Scout Troop #930 will be assisting with refreshments.

Building – The building committee is going to work on getting approval from the engineering dept in Columbus so they can apply for a grant from LMRE. There is a grant available through Sept. 15 for up to \$XXX if we can get the necessary documentation. Approved building plans and financial statements for the last two years need to be submitted. The committee is going to meet and work on getting the paperwork completed.

There was also a discussion about future grant opportunities, such as the Gund "green" grant of up to \$XXX. Most grants require documentation of funds and volunteer hours. Accounting software is going to be needed. Tim Foster will look into different kinds of accounting software that might be available, as well as other members of the group who might have software we could use.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Campout, Oct. 3&4 - Plans for this weekend include:

Hospitality night - Tim and Shelly Foster's Girl Scout Troops #930 and #203 will be hosting for the evening. They will pass out cider and donuts that our group will provide. Chris Keltz will look into the possibility of getting donuts from Hostess, and Chris Fox will check out the local stores and bakeries. Mary Claire will see about getting cider donations. Bridget Derrick is also going to send a letter to Drug Mart for cider donations. Tim Foster moved that the group purchase cider and donuts equal to what was purchased in the past. Mary Claire seconded, motion passed.

Hay Ride - The hay ride will be on Saturday from 3-6 pm. All donations from the hay ride will come to the Friends group. The scouts will help at the hayride as well. Our group will provide one night of camping for the troop, and we will look into getting a night donated by the park.

Halloween Campout -

Pot Luck Soup - The Friends group will once again cover the ingredients for the Pot Luck Soup on Saturday, Oct. 11. Bridget Derrick has mailed letters to Village Market and Geyers asking for donations of stew meat, but our group will be responsible for purchasing the rest of the ingredients for the stock. Doug Hastings will oversee this event as he has in the past. Volunteers are always appreciated to help keep the fire going, pass out soup, etc....

Hay Ride - The hay ride donations will go to Roger to help with the expenses of his programs. All Friends are encouraged to help at the hay ride collecting tickets, helping people on and off the wagons, etc.....

Buckeye Trail Association -

A letter was received from Richard Adamson, who is on the Board of Directors for the Buckeye Trail Association. Their group would like to apply for a grant from LMRE to improve the part of the Buckeye Trail that runs through Findley Park. Since they are not a local group, LMRE cannot give them a grant. They are requesting our help in getting the grant and will be attending the October meeting on the 6th. Tim Foster also offered the use of his Girl Scout troop with the possibility of combining it with a Bronze or Silver Project.

As there was no further discussion, Bill Leitner made a motion to adjourn. Doug Hastings seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.