

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Board Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2014

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Attendees- Dave Scull, Bruce Goldensohn, Ellen Erdelsky, Steve Hackman, Bonnie Bell and Ken Grundy.

Absent- Earl Pfeiffer and Agatha DeJonge

The May 7th meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Hackman

See report.

Donations included \$166.00 from Sirens Filming Group for an overnight film shoot in the park, \$50.00 from Sandy Morehouse through her work, \$50.00 from Stan Gordon's family (He is one of four volunteer rangers that were all at the park for a long time. This group also included Bill Larson and Skip Wheat.), and \$106.00 from the donation boxes including the sales of discs.

The purchases this period included \$2845.90 for a pontoon boat motor and \$456.00 for 3 months of port a john payments.

Steve filled out and submitted our Annual Exempt Organization Fundraising Notice to the Secretary of the State of Maryland. Steve also enrolled the Friends in the Amazon Smile program where we will receive ½ % of all sales that come through that link.

Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See report.

Nothing else to report this period.

Management Report- Dave Powell

See report.

It was noted here that Dave's pre typed report was very a very efficient use of the meeting time and we may look into continuing this process.

Steve mentioned that Dave may want to purchase some stickers soon. We may have approved the purchase of stickers for sign clarification previously however it has been some time and we agreed to make a new motion when we get some more info on this purchase.

Purchase Requests

None at this time.

Roundtable- Everyone

Ken talked about the grant that is still in progress. He thinks that the state now has all of the information that it needs and they just need to process it and should then mail us a check.

Bonnie noted that we are almost out of brochures. She presented the information about getting new copies from three different sources. Besides copying them ourselves at the park, Freestate's color copies are the least expensive at \$169.00 for 1000. There was a motion made to purchase the color brochures from Freestate and it passed with 5 yea's and one board member abstaining.

Bruce visited Serengeti National Park in Tanzania and said that it was beautiful. He saw all of the big 5 animals including a lion, a tiger, a zebra, a giraffe, and a rhinoceros.

Dave Scull stated that the Seneca Ridge and the Seneca Bluffs trails are fun and beautiful for hikers and bikers.

Steve talked about the web site that Bonnie had mentioned in an e-mail before the meeting. Steve thought that he could upgrade our web site and add some of the same style map that the Little Bennett Park's web site uses.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th at about 1:00 pm.

Reminder: The annual picnic is set for Saturday, November 15th, 2014 at 11:00 am.

Addendum: Steve Hackman contacted me on November 3rd about purchasing the previously approved trail marker decals. Steve found a deal from Germantown Copy to purchase 500 trail decals for \$618.00. This amount is actually cheaper than ordering the 325 that we had talked about due to price breaks for quantity. I asked for votes on this purchase and it was approved with 5 yea votes.