

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

(Corrected and Approved by the Board)

## Board Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2013

### Call to order at 7:00 pm

Attendees- Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Ellen Erdelsky, Dave Powell, Bonnie Bell, Dave Scull, Bruce Goldensohn, Agatha DeJonge, Bethany Lillard and Ken Grundy.

Approved minutes from February 20, 2013 meeting with corrections.

Dave Powell introduced Bethany Lillard, one of our new rangers. The board introduced themselves to Bethany and she told us a little about herself. She worked at Cunningham Falls State Park for 6 seasons.

### Treasurer's Report - Steve Hackman

See report.

\$214.16 in the checking account. \$14,749. 82 in the savings account. We received \$500.00 from the Winter Lights proceeds which was down from the amount we received in 2012. I am not sure that this donation will continue due to the changing application processes at the City of Gaithersburg office.

The \$.22 in income is from trial deposit.

Park purchases are as follows: phone system for \$571.19, \$499.71 for tools with 3 batteries and a light.

MORE paid us their portion of the port a potty share which was \$272.02.

On the parking lot project we received a reimbursement check from the state for \$3223.27 and spent \$2479.02 on the bulletin board. The bulletin board was delivered last Tuesday and is ready to be put in. The forms to be filled out to be reimbursed can be sent in after the bulletin board is in.

Bruce asked if we had received any money from the Clif Bar promotion at the park and the answer is no. They originally said that we would get a donation, but that never happened despite many attempts to contact them to find out about the status.

Dave Powell said "congratulations" on our contractor status pertaining to the parking lot project and many of us agreed that we would do some things differently if we ever did it again.

### Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See report.

There are 19 names with current addresses on the old members list dated from 1999-2003. On the list dated from 2004 to 2005 there are 35 names on that list and Ellen will mail them a letter in June.

### Management Report- Dave Powell

The roof on the Nuthatch pavilion was replaced.

The NYC, a group similar to the CJC, came out to the park for two weeks and worked on projects. The group consisted of 18 to 21 year olds.

The maintenance department is rehabbing the bathrooms that are opening this week.

The park hired a new seasonal person to use the trimble unit to perform boundary recovery and he is working at Patuxent now.

Dave mentioned that he still wants to do a new trail map and Byron Roshon is working on it.

The new seasonal have been hired and are doing training right now.

The Seneca Bluffs trail will hopefully be opened in June.

A chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are going to meet with Dave to discuss a project at the mill near Rileys Lock.

Many races and other happenings at the park are listed on the FOSCSP web site.

The state park budget is set and the money comes from Project Open Space.

There are no purchase requests from the park, Dave is still working on his budget for now.

There was a question about where the money that comes into the park goes. All money collected at the park goes into a big pool with all of the other parks' money in Annapolis.

Kristen Gregory resigned from the Maryland State Park system to take a job at Yosemite National Park.

### Roundtable- Everyone

Ken stated that Stan Forster resigned from the board as was noted in the addendum to the last minutes. Agatha DeJonge was asked to join the board, a motion was made and was approved unanimously.

Ken briefly described the status of the parking lot project to the best of his knowledge at this time.

Earl is leading one peony walk this season, there are 3 others scheduled for this summer and they are listed on the park calendar. Earl also mentioned that the mowers at the park are not working right now and he has given some thought to resigning from the board. Earl was the speaker at a city of Gaithersburg function about peonies. He took some potted peonies to this event and discussed his work with them. Earl also mentioned that there are many peonies in the woods at the park

Dave Powell was asked if the theater in the woods would be coming back this year and the answer is no. The venture didn't work out that well and the one thunder storm may have scared them a little.

Buddy, who ran the farm operation at Schaefer Farm passed away and the farming has stopped. The lease was up and Dave and the Park are not sure what they are going to do with this property at the moment.

There was a question about biking. (Notes are unclear on this also.)

Bonnie had 1000 color brochures printed and has put them in the Germantown Library. Agatha said she would drop some off at the Quince Orchard Library. Ken said that he will take some to the Germantown Chamber of Commerce. The Maryland Bluebird society has the same brochures made.

Ken needs to double check the annual picnic date and let the board know.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 pm.