

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Board Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2012

Call to order at about 1:00 pm

Attendees- Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Ellen Erdelsky, Dave Powell, Kim Lloyd, Agatha DeJonge, Bonnie Bell, and Ken Grundy.

Absent- Dr. Stan Forster, Bruce Goldensohn, Dave Scull

Approved minutes from May 8, 2012 meeting with corrections.

Treasurer's Report - Steve Hackman

See report.

A significant amount of the donations for this period are from sales of used discs and from Ed Branges' memorial ceremony. \$1184.00 of the park purchases are for the grills and the rest is for the port-a-potties. The additional amount spent this quarter on the parking lot project was for fuel and delivery charges that were not included in prior invoices.

Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See other sheet.

There was some discussion about what we can do to keep our members including sending self-addressed envelopes with our renewal letters.

Management Report- Kim Lloyd and Dave Powell

Josette Wiggins is now gone and a new ranger started on 9/7/12. Her name is Kristen Gregory.

There is a funding study about park finances being done by the state delegates and senators that will come out in January. The park is losing \$.93 per visitor and there are about 11 million visitors to Maryland state parks per year.

There was a lot of storm clean up that needed to be done after storm Sandy.

There have been a lot of Eagle Scout projects being done in the park lately.

Three different events were going on in the park today, not including the Friends picnic. Also, there have been a lot of races and walks in the park this Fall.

The National Wildlife Federation is having an event in the park.

MORE hosted the Montgomery EPIC 100 kilometer race recently, They had over 700 riders and this is a huge money making event for them.

The parking lot at the gun club project is moving along slowly.

There is a renter in the A frame house that is near one of the trails. He fought against the trail because he thought it would invade his privacy. The trail was constructed and as far as we know, there have only been a few interactions with the renter.

Agatha asked if there have been any geo-caching events at the park and there has not been any recently. She mentioned that there is a meeting of the Maryland Geo-caching Society on January 6th.

Bonnie asked when it would be possible for the Friends to hand out our brochures. We have been told that when the park is charging we cannot do it. We talked about trying to get people to do this when we can.

Roundtable- Everyone

Steve attended Ed Branges' Memorial Service at the park and was the only board member there!

Steve asked Kim if she had heard anything about the donation that we should have received from the Clif Bar company and Kim stated that she has not heard back from the contact and we haven't received any money from them.

A letter was sent to Sandy Morehouse to thank her for her continued support and let her know that the Board agreed to make her a lifetime member.

Bonnie mentioned that we should try to send out a monthly e-mail to the Friends Group to say hi, let them know what we are doing and tell them what is going on at the park. We also talked about having links from the park web site to the Friends web site and also links to Facebook and Google Plus.

Ken asked Steve if he could put these links on our web site.

We talked about the parking lot project and how it has been a real hassle with the state. Ken has signed the documents and mailed them to Terry Maxwell at the SHA.

Ellen brought up the membership reports and she will send Ken a quarterly report on the semi-current members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 pm.