

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from February 3, 2010

1. Present: Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Dave Scull, Ed Branges, Dr. Stan Forster, Dave Powell, Ellen Erdelsky, Bruce Goldensohn, and Ken Grundy.

2. Minutes from November 11, 2009 approved with corrections.

3. Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman

See sheet.

Purchases- Greenway Trail tools, 6 pieces-\$342.47

Bookcases for Dave- \$59.99

Port a potty- \$362.06

Total expenditures for 2009- \$13211.00

Total expenditures since inception- \$146,445.00

Greenway Trail money-

Started with \$1374.93

Spent- \$596.35, that leaves \$778.58 remaining.

There was an additional \$150.00 donated and designated for trail work, but not specifically for the Greenway Trail.

For the whole season the port a potties cost \$1013.74, of which MORE and the Disc Golf group owe us \$253.43 each. The 2010 portion of the port a potties so far is \$72.42.

Income for 2009- \$4099.00

Income for 2008- \$8891.00

Income for 2000- \$23,998.00 (The year with the most income.)

Total income since the groups' inception- \$163,505.00

Over the years we have received \$5655.00 in restitution funds that was mostly due to the efforts of Misty Hoffman.

4. Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See other sheet. It was noted that the Honorary member should not have been listed as a current member which lowers the total current members to 53. It was also pointed out that the number of current members is down again from August 2009.

5. Purchase Requests-

In November, we discussed the purchase of a new boat motor. Since that time the Motor has been temporarily repaired.

Large tool chest on wheels for the shop- \$1400.00 to \$1500.00

Sign cover for the pet signs - \$100.00

Both approved with a maximum of \$1500.00 for both.

6. Park Manager's Report- Dave Powell

Kim Lloyd is the Dean of the Ranger School right now. There will be a new Park Technician at the park in April to help Kendall. There were about 600 comments from people about allowing pets in the parks. 500 were for it and 100 were against it. Pets are now allowed in all areas of the park as long as they are on a leash. The managed hunt was held in the middle of January this year and harvested a total of 59 deer in 2 days. There are a lot of maintenance projects going on at the park, including the upgrade of the HVAC system in the visitors center and repairs and upgrades to some of the 25 houses that the park owns. This summer there will be a bike race at Schaeffer Road and it will be organized by the same people that run the Cranky Monkey events(They also do an event at Rocky Gap State Park). There will be a Shakespeare in the Park series running this summer on the stage that is left from the Shaker Forest Festival. The staff is working on many tree planting projects; ICC-3 sites at Seneca and 2 at Patuxent, Forest Brigade-

1 at Seneca and 1 at Monocacy, and natural filters at the old Gun Club. The programs at the park this summer should be the same as last summer, including the possibility of Park Quest. The budget for the park is looking pretty good, but there have been furloughs for the park staff and the NRP has lost some positions. We have not heard anything new about the proposed new trail project.

7. Roundtable-

Dave Scull told us his story about all of the elk he saw when he was out west.

Steve requested e-mail addresses so he could contact MORE and the Disc Golf group so we could get paid for their portion of the port a potties.

Stan mentioned that there are many utilities that run through the park and that we should try to contact them so they can support our group and therefore support the park that they use. It was mentioned that Colonial Pipeline was active in the park and a donor for a brief time. It was also mentioned that we should try to write a letter to the gas company, the electric company, and Colonial Pipeline.

Ken stated that he has asked Ellen Erdelsky to become a board member and she has accepted.

He made a motion, it was seconded, and approved unanimously. Ken also mentioned That he had a copy of the updated Friends brochure and should have a finished copy soon.

8. Next Meeting- May 12, 2010