

12 January 2012
Friends of Yellow Creek

Introductions

Attendance: Cindy Rogers, Ken Sherwood, Ken Bisbee, Aaron Kovach, Ben Scherf, AJ Kindra, James Whitaker, Kelly Thompson, Vicki Shank, Angie Dongiovanni, John Sexton, Jessie Sexton

Announcements

none

Reports:

Park Manager's Report

Quiet time of the year. Mid year budget tomorrow – we are flat broke
Tourist Bureau submitted our Park for a Park of the Year Award – YC won. Dinner is May 1st. Through PPF – She needs some pictures that Ken will getting together. Traffic in park is low this month.
We may be losing some vehicles, hopefully only one. YC vehicle use is under evaluation.

Membership and Finance Report-Kelly

We have \$7,341.89. \$5,000 was from the award we got. Membership – just got 3 new ones. Membership Dues is due now. We do not know how much we have made on wood currently or if we owe anything Denise has that money and information at the office. Washer and dryer and fire wood was collected last when we did the festival in September. Detergent is still at the office. We discussed the vending machine for the washing location. Vicki will get a price on the vending machine.

Cycling Report

Reported 2011 298 volunteer hours 2010 we had 326 hrs
Ben – races are shut down until March.
Trails are in good shape
Last Sat of every month will be a race. There was an automatic membership last year – we will evaluate how that will be done this year. We need to get the races on the web site.
Bike races brought in over \$1,000 FORT the friends group.

Boating Report

- Eagle Scout PDRs near complete. He has another 4 weeks to get them finished.
- DCNR has agreed to allow FOYC boats to be stored on and off-season at the park.

Old Business:

Topographic Map – James Whitacre

James and Aaron printed off a few copies for reviews. Last spring Ken approached IUP to produce a map. James was given the project with a few others. They took data and produced the lake map to include a trail map. We looked at the two different maps. We reviewed the time line James set and will go with that time line: Feb 28th we want to go to print. March 16 maps to be available. Smaller copies are meant for those who will be selling advertizing to show an example of what the lake looks like. There are some changes that will need to be done. Work on the legend and colors, etc. - 24x36 is the size that it will be.

Need to: 1) Visit Gazette printers 2) Need a meeting date to decide final changes, what will be on legends, People involved will meet after our meeting to set dates and work on details. 3) We decided on what we need to charge for advertizing space - 6-2 ½ x2 ½ small for \$250 non negotiable; 1-5.1x2.5 large for \$450; 1-5.12x3 x-large for \$500 premium spot – both large and x-large are negotiable down \$50, We will get 1000 copies for about 1,500.00. We could sell the ads by saying the cost per map is \$1,000 for 250 and that is 25 cents a map. We want to cover the map cost and anything over is profit for the FOYC. We could sell the map for \$20.00. Could maybe sell whole sale for ? # of maps for a little less.

Board Nomination/Appointment Process

- Current board members: please communicate with Ken S before Jan 31st that you would like continue to serve, would like to assume a different responsibility or cannot continue to serve.
- Proposal
 - Fix the board number at 7 in addition to the officers (Presently: Chair – Ken Sherwood, Vice-Ben Scherf; Treasurer-Kelly Thompson, Sec.- Cindy Rogers, Dir1 – Vicki Shank , Dir2 -open , Dir3- open)
 - seek nominations for 3 directors
 - We voted for a board of 7 by acclimation. We need to recruit a few people.

New Business:

Annual Report – sharing tasks to prepare for next review next meeting; officially due 1/31:

Ken S – Year in review

Ben – 2012 Work Plan – what we want to do for the next year.

Kelly – Financial Report -

Cindy and Vickie – Projects and Activities – what we did and work hours. September Fest, trail work, purchase of machines, work days, map work , boat building and boat day, Cindy will go through minutes and list activities. Kelly add totals, etc... Jan through Dec 2011.

Prepare our pieces and bring to next meeting or send by e-mail. Bring to next meeting so all can contribute and review.

2012 – Calendar:

To add.....

April 22 (Earth Day) “Spring Kick Off Party” 2 pm We will do it here at the Environmental Center September *Spring* member event – food and fun to bring out new people.

Sept 29th - September Fest?

April 7th – LORBA/FOYC Trail work day 9:00 am

May 10th 5:30-7:00 Chick ride - second Thursday of the month September; June 14, July 12, Aug 9, Sept 13th

May 28th Memorial Day ride start at 10:00 am

Mike Schaffer’s programs

FOP programs

Ben will plug in hunting season and fishing season schedules–

Spring Meeting Times: Second Thursdays of the month

Additional topics:

Grants: Cindy mentioned DCNR Grant – can try for the handicapped boat launch. Ken will look for the name of the person who brought it up before. Cindy to send out the link to the web site for the grant.

Question: Can we post boating courtesies?... around boat docks. Attractive fun signs that would draw attention, IE wakes, be careful of bank fisherman, right of ways.

Vicki asked: Do we have and volunteers who might want to run the concession stand? If they need some help we could help with support or find out what they need. Ken has an interested person. Vicki asked if Ken could invite them to the next meeting. Ken will do that. Terms are 5 day a week noon to 7 they need to pay electric (\$260-\$360 a month), and they need to have insurance. They pay a monthly fee to the park which can be negotiated.

Meeting adjourned and the map group worked on the map.

Next Meeting Thursday Feb. 9, 7pm