

19 March 2013

Friends of Yellow Creek

Attendance: Ken Sherwood, Pat Scanlon, Cindy Rogers, Ben Schirf, John Sexton, Jessie Sexton, Aaron Kovach, Ken Bisbee

Approval of February Minutes -no changes – motion to approve – all approved
Introductions/ Announcements

Reports:

Park Manager's Report

Ken B. expressed his thanks for cancelling the work day on a short notice – not good to dig ground for the playground – will be interviewing for new maintenance repair staff and it will be good to have that position to be in place.

Ice is off the lake today

Picked up the first 5 tables and put them in the park – They hope to have the others soon

Replaced tops on 5 tables and scouts built 10 in the fall so that was 15, and got 10 more from the state. Total new tables is about 32.

John volunteered to put sealer on the tables- Ken B will check to make sure it is ok with the union rules.

Water should be turned on the first part of April – cottages open April 4th so it should be on by then.

The first race is at the end of March.

Dumpsters will go out also but Ken waits to put them out so they do not get filled up with house garbage.

Membership and Finance Report

Vicki sent out a spread sheet for report. Ken reviewed. We had 1 membership renewal – \$56 came in for something. We gave \$100 for a scout project – a bridge on Laurel Run trail which is now done. We paid for picnic tables, Tourist Bureau fee and puddle boat dock. The dock should be installed after March 31st because of ice. Volunteers from sailing club will help with that.

Balance 11,746.00.

Cycling Report

The months of March, April and May will have races. There will not be races during the summer till the fall.

Ben will write a little description and give a link for FOYC web site. They have over 24 hours of trail maintenance in already this year. North shore was clean as of today. Boy Scout camp area is good. Trails are in good shape. Most of the leaves are off. AJ and Ken B hiked the next proposed trail. There will be a review by Paula Devor (sp?) of resource management to make sure there are no endangered plants that will be affected.

The new trail at the park entrance by the bridge is really nice.

The park needs to put up hunting signs during hunting season

Boating Report

Puddle ducks will come out in April. IUP may come out to clean up boats the first week of April – they are now in storage.

Park mooring is April 1 to Nov 1.

Ken S. may try and get sand for the launching area to expand the area a little. Ken B has a storage pile of sand but that will have to be moved. If they could get it moved to the area, student effort to help spread the sand would help to get it done.

Old Business

Membership

- Renewal letter status – we are about to send out letters for renewals. Jessie has the addresses, letters and brochures.
- **major donor solicitation**

Changes in the small games of chance law that may let organizations donate – Jessie took the letters Ken S. wrote and she will send them out. Note* Please let Ken know if you have personal contact with a group that we could send out a letter to. It must be a group that sells liquor and does games of chance. The Am Legion Post 619 of Nanty-Glo gave the park \$2,000 and Ken B feels they will give more. The thank you letter from the state was a little confusing and worried the group that the money would not go to this state park. Ken B. did talk to them and explained. Ken S will also send out a Thank-you. Legion, Elks, VFW, Moose, and Slovak groups will have letters go out to them.

Septemberfest

- We decided to give vendors an opportunity to sell crafts. Discussion on who to contact. We can put it on face book and our web page. We could put it on Craig's list. It will be limited to 20 vendors on a first come first serve basis.
- We need name, contact info, e-mail, phone, web site if they have one, what they want to sell, Rules: they will bring their own table(s) and chairs, no electric, we will allow pop us but they must be anchored – no larger than 12x12, no food sales.
- Sandy Trimble will be a good resource- Ken S. will contact her to see if she could send requests out to her network for vendors.
- The tourist bureau must be contacted now to arrange transportation, PR, etc. Penny would like to help with PR but would like to have a face to face meeting about it. Penny has a lot of great ideas. Ben and Ken S. will meet with her.
- Hay rides/ tractors – John will talk to Tim Lowman about the rides. There is also a antique tractor group in Brush Valley. Ben will touch base with them to see if we could have them be involved for the festival.

New Business

We want to combine work day and spring kick off: Date will be Sunday, April 21st start at work at 1:00 at the North shore.

There is a race that morning but they should be done by noon on the south shore. Ken B. said we might be able to could give people rides across the lake on the boat.

Ken S. made a motion that FOYC buys pizza from Coy's for 12:00 delivery to camping cottage site, Aaron seconded, all approved.

Ken B. will do a press release from the park. Will use the volunteer list.

Fishing line project: would be good to get others involved

Ken B to figure out other possible work parties. The play ground work will be on the north shore.

Ben will announce the event during the March bike race.

Much will be dependent on the weather.

April 6th is the annual trail work day. There are still trail signs to put up. That will be a good day to put them up.

Ken S. asked for a few sentences about the trail work day for the web and facebook.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16