

Attendance: Ken Bisbee, Vickie Shank, Cindy Rogers, Ben Scherf, Aaron Kovach, Pat Scanlan, Kelly Thompson, James Whitacre, Zack Tirpac, GE Smith

Minutes from March – motion to approve March minutes by Ben – Vicki seconded; all approved

- YELLOW CREEK UPDATES
- Ken introduced Zack and James – they are mapping the Lake
- YC cannot spend any more of tomorrow – but they have planned ahead and if nothing major happens before June YC should be ok
- Ken applied for a W. PA Environmental Award. YC won the award. Ken designated the \$5,000 to FOYC. There is an awards ceremony on May 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a form that needs to be completed.
- Ken thanked those who went to the commissioners meeting. MDS has proven they do have the rights under part of the park that was the Edge family land. About 90% of the park is owned by YC. YC is unusual in that in the whole state system only about 20% of the mineral rights are owned by the state. Ken will be meeting with them. Two companies have mineral rights at Ohiopyle State Park. No other wells have been drilled in state parks so far.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
  - BROCHURE - we have ordered and we are waiting for 2,500 brochures. Cost was \$204.00.
  - T-shirts are done. We got 28 t-shirts. That cost was \$100.00. The screen was \$45.00. Next time they will be less. Ken said we can sell them out of the office. Cost should be \$10.00 each. Kelly will drop off at the office.
- MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE REPORT
  - Current amount in the bank \$1,603.00
  - Memberships – 4 new memberships - we now have a total of 22.
- WASHER DRYER UP DATE - The coin operated machines we purchased are in the camping area and are being used. We have detergent and it will be sold out of the office. Vicki got prices for vending machines for detergent if we want to do that in the future. There are 150 boxes in a case – we will sell it for 1.00 a box. It costs \$1.50 for the washer and \$1.00 for the dryer for a ½ hour. There are no warranties on the machines for commercial machines.
- SPRING PROJECTS
  - MAY 14TH WORK DAY: Mike is working on the agenda – it will be open to all – most of the YC staff will be there – Volunteers will be doing wood chips, moving tables, etc... It is on the web site. We could use a few fliers to post in town.
  - There is an eagle scout that wants to build a stage over at the camping area. Also wants to rehab the water fowl building.
- CYCLING
  - Looking into merit badges for scouts, there may be a meeting to work on badges.
  - They host a monthly race in the park. The second race is this Sat. over on the north shore. Aug, Sept, Oct will probably on the south side.

- Progress from April 2nd trail building day – McFeaters cove – rerouted a trail, South side work – Simpson trail, Billy Goat trail – reworked a switch back, blow downs are cut on the N Shore, a few need to be done on the S shore. Had 11 volunteers. Dragon Fly trail and the Ridge top trail need work to be done.
- TRAIL MARKERS - Have not done signage yet. Have done label computer work.
- We might be able to use volunteers from IUP on their volunteer days – Spring and Fall- The IUP coordinator was Vanessa Elizabeth Gregorakis [v.e.gregorakis@iup.edu]e-mail.
- Trail- Vicki mentioned there are amish kids using one of the trails on horses.
- There is LORBA membership party – Sat - 6 pm at the Crows Nest in Johnstown.
- Ken mentioned they track volunteer hours, those hours were forwarded.
- YC MONTHLY - Donated \$350 dollars to F of YC
- BOATING REPORT
  - HANDICAPPED BOAT RAMP – Still want to do this.
- XC SKIING – Cindy said they got totally lost one time skiing p on the hill (Ridgetop area?) and needed better trail marking. Ben mentioned we could maybe think about grooming trails for skiing in the future.
- SEPTEMBER FEST 9/24/2011
  - FOOD – buildings are in bad shape but we will be able to use the facilities; TJ from commonplace will donate the coffee; He donated 100 cups last year but will give more if we need it; Matt Coy – may have a concession trailer to bring in with sausages. He will bring pizza that we can hand out; Food was a big income for us last year – we still want to do that; Last year Coy donated 10 pizza's. YC also advertize Coy's in their cabins and yurts. Aaron and Vicki said they still want to do hamburgers and hot dogs.
  - MONTH OF MUD - May add 75 participants if it happens – we do not know yet – but may happen
  - 5K - Ken S has more info and will be having the race.
  - Puddle duck race? We need to organize some insurance for the boat race. It will be \$300 in insurance for injured spectators – doesn't cover participants- they sign a waver of liability. We will need to vote on the race and spending the \$300.
  - Art in the park – crafters? It was felt they may not make enough to do charge them money for a table. There are a lot of other events happening that day including the potters tour, brush valley days, potato fest, etc. We could advertize for venders and limit the number of tables to 20 maximum. First come, first serve. We should get the word out now that we are looking for venders. Some people will donate money. We cannot do games of chance at this time. We could do a silent auction on the items crafters donate. Mike S. can get 16 bikes for that day that we could rent. All agree that would be a great idea..
- IUP GRAD STUDENTS CREATE LAKE MAP - James and Zack
- They passed around the Sonar GPS Unit we purchased – it will measure depths to create map of the lake

- Their goal is to produce and update the existing anglers map but in color, larger, and exact.
- General feeling was that it is alright to cut off some of the land mass but the most important is the lake area. Boundaries around the lake should have things like ramps and bathrooms. Majority felt we should put trail info on the land areas that will be on the map.
- Pro packet said they could do a 18X12, 2 page, 2 sided color, plastic, water proof map for \$5-\$6 dollars per map for 250 maps. We would like info on the back. Advertizing? Sponsors? FOYC info ? They will use 3 pages for maps - we would have to give them info for the one page. It is a large space and could probably have info plus sponsors. Vicki will start looking for Sponsors, Bait shop, Coy's, etc.
- Timeline - has to be done by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Rough draft of final project by the end of April. There will also be a large flat full scale map to post in the camping and office area. We would like the large maps to sell also. They will deliver a digital map to DCNR It will be relatively easy to make different size maps. They are using ARC GIS to export to PDF files.
- May the 6<sup>th</sup> will be the final presentation at IUP - noon location TBA - Friday before Graduation
- State park wants the final approval
- There will be an article in Gazette

#### • SHALE GAS EXTRACTION IN CONSERVATION ZONE

GE Smith spoke about the Marcellus Shale issues at stake with the well being drilled in the conservation area outside the park. The FOYC letter Ken S. drafted and everyone approved via e-mail was read at the Commissioner's meeting. G.E. read the final statement from our letter. That final draft letter will be sent to the Commissioners. It issue is not only about this particular well. There are more wells being planned in the conservation area. If the zoning board approves this well it will be appealed, etc. but may still happen. We want to encourage the Commissioners to revise the zoning to include banning deep well MS drilling in conservation zones. Buffer zone is within 500 feet of the park. The conservation zone borders the buffer zone and is about a mile wide. It regulates any use of that land and needs a permit for special request. It was put in place in the 70's and updated several times. We are asking them to update again. It presently addresses natural gas but not deep well drilling.

GE said his plans are:

1. To continue with this campaign
2. To ask F of YC be part of the task force
  - \* Motion to have a member form FOYC on the task force - Kelly, Seconded by Vicki - discussion - no more - all approved - yes. It will be Pat Scanlon or G.E. Public Statements in the future will need to be reviewed by the FOYC board.
3. To write an ordinance as a sample for the commissioners

Meeting adjourned 9:25 pm