

Friends of Yellow Creek (FOYC) Minutes  
1/20/11

Attendance: Ken Sherwood, Ken Bisbee, Vickie Shank, Cindy Rogers, Ben Scherf, Aaron Kovach, Justin Smead, Michael Brown, Katie Flinn, Martin Flinn

- I. \*Approval of January minutes
  - Motion to approve by Martin,
  - Discussion - none
  - seconded by Justin, all approved
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. Kelly and Ken submitted 2010 annual report; Thanks to Kelly for the great job in getting all the information together
  - b. Board members should submit CIO forms if you haven't.  
Board members include Ken, Cindy, Vicki, Ben, Kelly
  - c. PR: front-page Gazette story on sailboat building on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> In the Indiana Gazette
  - d. Vicki spoke to the photographer (Tom Conner) and he will come out for the next festival Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011- He will also give a sitting.
  
- III. Park Manager report
  - YC got a request for a MS well - they have to prove contractual rights. If so - the park will meet with them to minimize impact.
  - Cindy reported that Evergreen Conservancy was awarded a growing greener grant to do water monitoring with data loggers in the county. The Indiana County Water authority is also going to donate money to purchase an additional or 3 or 4 data loggers to monitor Yellow Creek for non-source point pollution. Streams to be monitored will be Laurel Run, Little Yellow Creek and Big Yellow Creek. Also possibly near the Dam.
  - An IUP professor is going to do a lake mapping project
  - Washer and dryer were delivered yesterday!
  - Ken is applying for an Western PA Environmental Award. The award is \$5,000 which will go to F of YC. Deadline is in March. Need three letters of support.
  
- IV. Financial Report - table till next month
  
- V. Outreach
  - a. FOYC is listed on the Indiana County Tourist Bureau web site
  - b. Septemberfest 2011 has been submitted to their events.
  - c. Print brochures: 2500 for \$296 plus shipping and handling and sales tax from Gotprint.com
    - \*Motion to approve getting 2500 copies for \$296 through Gotprint.com - by Ben, Second Martin - all approved

## VI. Boating

- a. Puddle Duck Hatch - Saturday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>; 9 - 5pm, FOYC members welcome to lend a hand; 103 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

## VII. Biking and Trails

Will be going to a board meeting next week to organize for this year Annual Kick off is April 16<sup>th</sup> in Johnstown.

REI Grant will purchase soft ware and about 30 trail markers, - want them in place by spring. Ken wants the road crossing ones in place also. There is a work day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will start at 9 am. Would like one in early May also. Will shoot for the last weekend of the month. Not sure what they are going to do for their large event - maybe a "Month of Mud" Race. Might be Sept 24<sup>th</sup> weekend. Recommended getting a food vender (maybe Mike Coy) to help if we have a big crowd for the fall fest.

## VIII. Planning for Septemberfest 9/24/2011

- Will have a bike race or event
- FOYC/MSC Puddle duck sailboat race - all agreed that would be fun
- Location - how do we want to organize? Things should be more central, grassy area near boat rental is a good possibility, would be good for registration for races, Regional office has a big tent.
- Crafts to sell - Discussion on charge for the booth, numbers of booths - Maybe should limit it to max of 10. We could ask for a % donated back to the FOYC. Kelly and Courtney will be asked to investigate. Sandy Trimble should be contacted. Rebecca Slak for the Arts Council, possibly RUMPUS could be tied in,
- Silent auction - Sales venders could be asked to offer 1 item for their donation worth at least \$25.00. That could be their donation/table fee.
- Posters for Races could be made with Festival information on it.
- FOP program
- FOP newsletter article for PR
- Need a sign-up sheet for volunteers
- Need more kids things - Courtney will do a kids work shop, Katie will do sack races, Bike ride for the kids - need a race coordinator for kids, face painting
- Vickie has a few people lined up to help
- Yoga morning
- Need other activities for adults also
- Brush Valley is having an antique tractor display group forming - we could have a display here Ken B to ask.
- Hay wagon rides
- Farmers market - Reegers? Yarnicks?
- Food
  - In house - we may not be able to handle the numbers if we get a lot of people - weigh our ability to do that and

- everything else vs. the money we might make
- Have a vender or vendors here to sell food – vendors with a reputation might be a draw
- Ideas- Reegers, Yarnicks, Pizza, hot dog vendors, we can ask and get a feel for people who might be interested, come back in march with a list of possibilities.
- We need to push memberships, donations, t-shirt sales, etc to make money
- Music – Live music – we want to ask local bands
- IUP Co-op van to get IUP students out here – Ken B. will ask.
- IUP connection – Outing club?
- Indiana road runners club, a 5 K run? Get them involved Ken S. will contact

IX. Other Business

Future projects: Cabin area playground – Work Day to mulch

March date- Ken sent an e-mail and will determine a date/time with the responses he gets.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Next Meetings: 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9

\* Motions made and voted on during meeting