

Nov 2012 minutes

FOYC

Present: Jessie and John Sexton, Ken Sherwood, Vicki Shank, Cindy Rogers, Dave Barclay, Ken Bisbee, Pat Scanlon

Announcements

None

Park Manager's Report - Ken B.

They are winterizing the park.

Docks are being closed.

Bear season starts soon and game commission will be here till it is over.

YC is 6 month into fiscal year and still no budget.

Treasurers report:

Vicki reported a balance of 5,321.39

Check book – sent in paper work, Lisa to forward to Pam. We need to pick a bank. No one had a preference. Vicki hopes that we will have a checking account by the first of the year.

Boating Report IUP people have been sailing a lot.

Many of the IUP boats are put away and also some puddle ducks. Some puddle ducks are still in the racks and people still need to get their boats put away. The building is packed but there is still a little room.

Cycling Report

New trail new proposal is being done. Trails are in good shape. It was really busy on Sunday.

CHC Report

Ken S. gave a report – First annual CHC meeting is Dec 6th 7 pm in the Indiana Theater downtown. It is a general meeting, IUP students will give a report.

Old Business

Ken S. reported on the scrap removal. Scrap removal did not happen. Maybe we could do something a little differently to accomplish volunteer work days. We could plan volunteer events in advance for those who may want to do hands on help. Ken B. said the scrap removal can wait. There is probably about 600 dollars worth of scrap. It would take a 3 or 4 people 4 or 5 hours of work. We will have to dig through a lot of vines etc... Dave said there is a place in Johnstown that pays better than Indiana Rhoms. . He will find out the name. Cindy suggested pairing it with IUP "Into the Streets" if we want to use student help. That may be in April. Cindy will call and find out the spring date.

It was suggested to tap into the high schools to get students to help and get involved.

Retreat:

Ken reported that Pam has a data base of people who make donations and are members. We may be able to use that list. Ken will send e-mails of Jessie and Vicki. Jessie will be our membership coordinator. Ken will send info to Jessie to look at.

Ken S. also reported on board development. The best work can be done when you have a diversity of people on the board, different people that have strengths in different area. At the work shop they gave out information on how to build boards. Maybe local political figures should be involved. Board building is important. Ken B. said we need someone who can write grants. We need to discuss how to build our board.

Growing membership – we need to send out letters to ask members to renew. We decided memberships should be on a calendar year. January to January. If they join in Sept that will go to the next year. Benefits? With a membership card we can give them a 10% discount off of a map and firewood. Several people will look into getting businesses to give a 10% off on food or products. We need to set a goal for membership and donations. IE we want to replace a playground or a boat dock for handicapped. Vicki mentioned Jake Sleppy who built a bridge here. His parents would be good to contact about being on the board. Ken B can get their contact information.

A newsletter was suggested. Jessie suggested 3 times a year. First newsletter should be before the kick off in April and one at the end in September before SeptemberFest. Jessie and John volunteered to do the newsletter. Everyone needs to come up with suggestions and give them to Jessie.

Date for newsletter:

April 1st – March 1 deadline for suggestions and info for newsletter

August 1 - July 1st - deadline for suggestions and info for newsletter

Dec 1st - Nov 1st deadline for suggestions and info for newsletter

Electronic or hard copies? - hard copy could go out at the end of the year with the membership form – electronic copies the other two. Send hard copies only if requested.

Ken said at the retreat there was a store that said they would sell our maps. Ken will send 8 maps.

Other ways to get money and running events:

We should ask people to donate money for something – IE a picnic table or a memorial. Ken B would have to check about plaques if we wanted to do that. We really need picnic tables. Ken B. talked to Rod Ruddock about the picnic tables and he sent a letter to Don White about that but Ken felt there will not be state money for tables. We have 220 tables and we just replaced 15. They don't last long. One is around \$300.00.

Now the tables have galvanized legs and you can replace tops only. If we can get people to “buy” a table maybe we could have them be able to pick the location for “their” table. The bureau of forestry makes tables.

Another idea was that we might be able to make a path to somewhere like the dock... Everyone who donates a certain amount gets a brick with their name on the path.

Vicki asked if we going to do a kick off meeting in April again? Goal was to get more people involved. It was on Earth day last year. People brought food and we gave away gifts.

Vicki asked who had maps? Jessie had 6 and sold 3. Ken B. has the bulk of them.

Ken mentioned that people using the racks pay a puddle duck fee – a donation.

Tourist Bureau: Ken B. will work with them about what we can do to get things done for next yearSeptemberFest. Cindy said she got the date on the calendar for next year. We can get the trolley if we let them know far enough in advance.

New Business

none

Next Meeting:

Note: no meeting in December

Thursday 1/10/12