

Friends of Oil Creek State Park

03. March 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Peg Sims, Jim Stoudt, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Keith Cubbon, Libby Culbertson, John Kolojechick, Robert McCall, Michelle Mehlburger, Carl Meinstereifel, Peg Sims, Jean Snyder, Jim Stoudt; Jake Weiland, Park Manager. New board member, Jeff Albright, Guest, John Sims.

Absent: Art Cubbon, Kirby Neubert.

Minutes of February Board Meeting approved as printed. Motion by Carl Meinstereifel and seconded by Bob McCall. Carried

Treasurer report: No major transactions. Checks cleared and PPF service charges . Motion by John Kolojechick and Jeff Albright. Carried.

Jake Weiland, Park Manager, and John Sims report:

Power Point presentation. OCSP – CrossCountry Skiing - Building Value to OCSP and the Community.

NORDIC FOCUS

1. Develop a CrossCountry Skiing Concession.
2. Gain support from the State.
3. Include the community.
4. Increase our Value.
5. Be an Outdoor Resource.
6. Stewardship.
7. Timeline.
8. Advertise and on-line. Reach citizens and visitors.

Takes Time:

- A. Stewardship and Management .
- B. Goal—future growth .
- C. Become a model.
- D. A sustainable and attractive resource.
- E. Overnight facilities—high volume but not enough. Over-night for back-packing.
- F. Over-flow the parking lot.
- G. Identify our users.
- H. Friendly Trails Be proactive. FOCUS on Gerard, Bike, and Ski. Maintain and expand the trails; include "Winter" trails.
- I. Land-conservation.
- J. Equipment, educate, erase conflicts.
- K. Quality and reliability.

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*Building value to OCSP and the
Community*

OCSP – Cross Country Skiing



Foundation to increasing value

- *As Pennsylvania's leader and chief advocate for conservation and outdoor recreation, we will inspire citizens to value their natural resources, engage in conservation practices, and experience the outdoors.*



Oil Creek Nordic Focus

- Improve stewardship and management of OCSP.
- Promote land conservation.
- Build and maintain sustainable and attractive resource.
- Create/Improve outdoor connections for citizens and visitors.



Improve stewardship and management of OCSP

- *Best practices for recreation in becoming a model site.*
- *Quality.*
- *Reliability.*
 - *Staffing compliment does not meet our users expectations.*
- *Future growth to the park "A need for an overflow parking lot."*
 - *Through increased use we will necessitate the need to develop future multi-use i.e. pet friendly skiing trails, snowshoeing trails, additional overnight facilities etc.*



Promote land conservation.

- *Building a resource minded recreational destination.*
- *Encouraging proactive trail maintenance verses reactive trail clean-up.*



Build and maintain sustainable and attractive resource.

- *Educate user basis.*
- *Properly identify trail-use policies.*
- *Improving trail conditions. i.e. bridge work, culverts, trail clearing.*



Create/Improve outdoor connections for citizens and visitors.

- *Expanding our marketing to the surrounding community and a much larger user constituency.*
- *Building stronger membership basis.*
- *Direct contact with user groups.*
- *Identifying our users and how they travel.*



Timeline

- *Form a Focus.*
- *Identify reasoning for concession.*
- *Discuss benefit to cc concession with FOCSP.*
- *Writing bid specs to meet the needs of the parks mission and operation.*
 - *Initial bid - Short term (1 Year) or Longterm (10 Year).*
- *Announce bid.*
- *6 week open public bid.*
- *Secure bid by Mid-May to Mid-June.*
- *Public meeting to discuss the benefits.*



New business:

Motion by Peg Sims and seconded by Michelle Mehlburger to nominate and vote Jeff Albright a board member of the Friends of Oil Creek State Park. Motion carried.

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Motion by John Kolojejchick that John Sims develop the CrossCountry Ski Trail Committee and that he be given the title Chairman of the Committee. Part of the duties of this Chairman position be to serve as the spokesman to the Oil/Gas Interests operating in the Park and that he initiate some dialogue with them regarding contributions to Park activities. Seconded by Libby Culbertson. Carried.

Jean Snyder motioned that Board Members not having e-mail receive copies of all information, minutes, and other announcements sent to board members by e-mail be sent to non-e-mailers by US Postage. Seconded by Bob McCall. Discussion: Who was to send this information? Michelle Mehlburger volunteered. Motion carried.

Discussions:

Oil/ Gas Interests contributing to the Park.
Providing a service and charging a fee.

Greenways—Jake, Jean, and Art .

Projects and Activities:

Develop the CrossCountry Ski Trail Committee.

FOCUS

07. April FOCSP Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. at Amphitheater. Call if unable to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Stoudt and seconded by Keith Cubbon. Carried at 8:15 P.M.

Jean Snyder.