

Friends of Oil Creek State Park

Minutes of O2. June 2011 Board Meeting

Kirby Neubert, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Libby Culbertson, Art Cubbon, Keith Cubbon, John Kolojechick, Robert McCall, Jean Snyder, Jake Welland; Park Manager; Guest, John Sims, Crosscountry Ski Trail Chairman and Summer Biathlon Chairman.

Absent: Jeff Albright, Michelle Mehlburger, Carl Meinstereifel, Peg Sims, Jim Stoudt.

Minutes approved as corrected—Kirby Neubert considering Newsletter Chair, Hiring of an EIT (Environmental Interruptive Technician) for summer focus on Natural Resources, and Progress with Concessions to be established in Oil Creek State Park. Motion by Art Cubbon and seconded by John Kolojechick. Motion carried.

Treasures report: Keith Cubbon, Income 2010—\$1,800.00. Check received from 100 mile~race proceeds \$750.00. Citizen's \$249.48. PPFF \$3,488.19. Total \$3,700.00. Plaques still not paid. Motion to approve by Art Cubbon and seconded by Robert McCall. Motion carried.

Biathlon Report: John Sims. 13. August, 2011. Set—up date - 12. August 2011 9:00 A.M.

1. Mass—mailing done.

2. Cost of T-shirts now \$20.00.

3. Sponsorship letters available. Can be copied. After expenses all monies to the Friends.

4. Biathlon growing. Need to enlarge backstops.

5. Volunteers needed for all aspects of the Biathlon. With little or no park staff at this time, preparations will need to be accomplished by volunteers. Sign—up list available next meeting.

6. Possibly spend money on "Good Press".

7. Word out on Friends Website.

Ski Trail report: John Sims. _

a. Ski Trail improvements—bridges replaced with wider culverts. Some enlarged to eight feet.

Several culverts township's responsibility and their approval is necessary. Goal: three or four need to be done quickly, two large bridges are critical, and rails are needed.

b. Funding—some labor by volunteers. Friends may do purchasing. Over \$2,500—maybe 10% off.

ASAP—Neubert — Planning, pricing, and comparing at Home Depot and 84 Lumber, (different deals at each business). Culvert pipes are constructed differently. Press—treated lumber also.

c. Equipment to complete the construction. Volunteers and possible tax write-off for construction company donations .

d. On—site inspection and planning meeting on 09. June, 2011 at the Ski Hut at 5:00 P.M.

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Jake Welland, Park Manager, report:

"Laura and Larry are retiring on 18. June, 2011. (no rehiring). Carolyn in the office.

"Two summer hires: Robin Baker, Jamestown, EIT position and Dave Armstrong as Park Ranger 1.

"Budget must stretch to cover costs. There 47 buildings on the grounds that require upkeep.

"Over—the-Hill-Gang maintain the Gerard Trail—materials are covered. Will be preparing for 100—Miler.

"Friends might assume some expenses. .

"Arrangements being made for Guided Back-Packing Trips. Date to be decided.

"National Hiking Day 04. June, 2011. At Switchback—Water Bars (12) to be installed to improve drainage on the entire hillside. Meeting at the Jersey Bridge at Drake Well Park entrance at 10:00 A.M. 100 mile-racers will also be there. Bring proper footwear and gloves. Water available. Tools supplied.

"Concerns: Items that need attention before October 100 Mile Race. Cow Run Culvert nearly out.

Pioneer Falls is eroding. Stone supports necessary. Trail Club is forming. May undertake big projects. Locating Abandon Wells, John Kolojejchick, report:

Season has been too wet. Now it is too green. Looking forward to autumn to search again.

There were no motions made for either Old Business items or New Business items.

Items under discussion:

1. Getting the Newsletter out. Contributions may be made by anyone. Should be a quarterly issue and include the Calendar of Events and information and be sent to Guest Register individuals. Kirby Neubert, President, considering Chairmanship of Newsletter.

11. Greenways contribution. Should we reduce our contribution to \$250.00? We are not receiving anything in return for our annual donation of \$500.00. Jim Holden and Debb Frawley should be contacted regarding our concerns and needs (Grant—writing assistance).

111. Funding, labor, and equipment for culvert improvements on the ski trails.

1V. Would it be wise to have all participants in 100 Mile Race contribute to our membership with the addition of \$10.00 to each registration form?

V. Progress with Nordic Hiking Plans.

V1. Lady Slippers blooming in the Park.

Projects and Activities:

07. July, 2011 at 6.P.M. Friends of Oil Creek State Park Board Meeting.* Call if unable to attend.

04. June National Trails Day—constructing water bars on Switchback. 10 A.M. — 1 P.M.

Footwear/gloves.

09. June Crosscountry Ski Trail Committee on site. Ski Hut at 5 P.M.

13. August, 2011 Biathlon at Ski Hut 8:00 A.M. Friday, 12.August setup 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Cubbon and Libby Culbertson. Motion carried. 7:40 P.M.