

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from February 11, 2009

1. Present: Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Dave Scull, Marty Berkman, Dr. Stan Forster, Kim Lloyd, Ellen Erdelsky, and Ken Grundy.  
Absent: Ed Branges

2. Minutes from December 11,  
Approved.

3. Treasurer and Membership Report- given by Steve  
See other sheet.

4. Park Manager's Report

The managed Hunt was a success. They harvested about what they expected to. The hunter turnout was bad but that was partly due to the cold weather.

There is a trail meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:00

The volunteer breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 7, at which Bill Larson will be honored.

Alcohol consumption in the Parks is getting to be a problem. This is mostly in the parks with campgrounds. The Park Service is thinking about banning all alcohol at all day use picnic areas and outside campgrounds. The plan will be to let people know in 2009 and implement it in 2010.

The Park has still not received the payment from Shaker Forest Festival. So there will be no more festivals at the Park. The account receivable will probably go to the Maryland Attorney General. The amount due is supposed to be 20 % of the gross gate receipts.

There is a Volunteer Summit scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steve Hackman plans on attending this event as usual.

The Park is trying to hire a new ranger and get them hired and appointed to the April training class but it will be difficult to do in it in this short amount of time.

The seasonal budget looks good and Kim is trying to get a naturalist.

As part of the Going Green movement in the state, the Park will be replacing all of their old light bulbs with CFL's.

The area that used to be the Gun Club will become a managed bow hunting area. Kim may ask for more signs for the managed hunt in the day use area.

Kim has withdrawn her request for the cabinet that was previously approved. The cabinet that she wanted was discontinued and she has not been able to find another one that she likes.

4. Purchase Requests- given by Kim

4x4 Mule diesel for 2 people, estimated to cost \$9548.80. There was much discussion about this purchase. There were many thoughts expressed against this purchase and they were duly noted. The purchase was passed unanimously.

At this time there was some discussion about the raising of funds for the group. Kim mentioned that a group at another park sells ice cream from a cart during the Summer. We discussed the possibility of handing out our brochure at the contact station. It opens on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also discussed trying to get some free publicity in the Gazette to tell people about us. The possibility of incorporating this with an article about the peony fields was brought up

We discussed the state's program to get kids to the parks called Park Quest 2009. There are 17 parks participating this year and it was a great success last year but only included parks on the eastern shore.

#### 5. Roundtable

Stan- Stan made a motion to only hold 2 meetings a year but no one seconded the motion. We did discuss this subject.

Marty- Marty expressed the need to keep communication among the board and our members open and be open about any ideas to help make us money.

Ellen- Ellen read our by-laws and noticed that the election of board members does not occur in the manner stated. There has never been any need to do this. Ellen inquired about the membership position and after a little job description and discussion, she offered to take over that position. She also mentioned that in lieu of an official newsletter why don't we send out a letter the members on a yearly basis. That is a great idea and we are going to look into it.

Steve- Steve mentioned that we added Ken as a signer on the Sovereign bank account. He also mentioned that we received a state 990 tax form that involves personal property tax.

Ken- Ken mentioned that he is trying to recruit more board members and working on compiling an e-mail database to keep the members informed about what we are doing and things that are going on in the Park.

#### 8. Next Meeting- May 13, 2009