

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from May 14, 2008

1. Present: Bill Larson, Steve Hackman, Ed Branges, Marty Berkman, Earl Pfeiffer, Dr. Stan Forster, Dave Scull, Kim Lloyd and Ken Grundy.
2. Minutes of February 13, 2008 approved with corrections.
3. Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman  
See other sheets.  
\$ 1,119.06 in the checking account.  
\$ 11,391.51 in the money market account.  
\$ 2,158.35 in the ING account  
Totaling \$14,669.53  
Purchases  
Torch Set - \$307.00 (Whole new set)  
Lumber Rack - \$1581.00 (This item was purchased for over the actual amount approved due to higher costs for ?, steel and transportation.)  
Power washer and 50 foot hose - \$465.00  
The purchase of cones for Dave Powell was approved but still not acquired. There was a motion to disregard the prior approval and now purchase cones that can hold some kind of sign so that the sign may be changed as necessary to fit the situation and not have actual printing on the cones themselves. The motion was approved by majority vote of 6 in favor to 2 opposed.  
It was noted that we have not gained any new members this year.
4. Purchase Requests  
Digital camera for \$300.00 max. - Approved  
Three items were brought up but not voted on.  
Trail tools and small tools  
Air conditioning unit for the tractor.  
2 defribulators-there was a short discussion about this item pertaining to the number of units to purchase and where to store them.
5. Park Manager's Report- Kim Lloyd  
The flag pole is up and she is looking for a flag.  
She has been doing a lot of work with the trees and fields that the park has planted over the years.  
They will be opening the boat center and have purchased some new rental boats.  
The Shaker Forest event is a go as far as she knows. (FOSCSP did not get any donation for the Shaker owners this year.)  
She will be working on fixing up the trails throughout the park.

MORE has proposed that the old Gun Club be opened for biking trails and connected to the Schaefer Farm trails.

Some of the seasonal staff has started but not all of them.

6. President's Report- Bill Larson

Bill attended the Volunteer Summit which is a meeting of volunteers. At this particular meeting the theme was how to raise money. Bill was one of the speakers. One of the other speakers was a woman from Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. Rocky Gap park raises some money by selling breakfast to the campers there. Point Lookout sells tours of the light house. Many people were interested in the ways that we raised money. Bill wants everyone to think about what we can do to increase revenue and participation.

We should look into the possibility of e-mailing as a way of communicating with people and our members.

The managed hunt will be happening this winter but the dates are not set yet.

If we could get or compile the e-mails of the FOSCSP members we possibly send a newsletter to them. We have not sent out a newsletter in over three years.

Bill will chart out our success/work for our booths for Marty.

A possible objective to set would be to increase our membership by 20% per year.

There is currently a push by the park system to get kids back to the parks. Someone asked if we could hire a naturalist for the Summer or attain a volunteer naturalist.

We discussed the possibility of the Friends conducting some kind of program and keeping the proceeds.

Someone mentioned trying to solicit local businesses to see if they promote volunteerism and see if they would be interested in helping the park.

7. Roundtable

Earl found out about an account that was in the Friends name at Sandy Spring Bank and wanted to know where it came from. This account was transferred to the Friends from the Seneca Greenway Trail Coalition. The names listed on the account are Bill Larson and Steve Hackman. We have kept that account open due to Bill's personal and political reasons and for the person who transferred the account to us.

It was mentioned that there are many peonies in bloom.

8. Next Meeting- Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>