

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from August 13, 2008

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

2. Minutes of May 15, 2008 approved with corrections.

There was a clarification on the cone purchase. The May 15th minutes were supposed to say that we were approving a cone purchase for cones that will be able to hold signs that we would create or buy in the future.

Minutes approved with corrections.

3. Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman
See other sheets.

Donations included \$2425.00 from H&R Block due to Bill's referrals and over \$1000.00 from donations at Bill's request after his passing.

Purchases included a digital camera and 2 memory cards for \$165.00, it was approved for \$300.00, and 3 payments to Gene's Johns.

Steve estimated that all things remaining the same, our total income in future calendar years would only be about \$4500.00. The estimate is as follows.

Dues	\$2500.00
Donations	\$1400.00
Interest	\$500.00
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$4500.00

It was noted that we really need to do something to increase our revenue. There was some discussion about the Shaker Forest Festival and how their donation at one time was rather large and has now dwindled to nothing. It was also stated that Bill talked to someone from the city of Gaithersburg each year to make sure that we were still one of the groups named to be recipients of a donation from Winter Lights.

Bill's funeral arrangements came up and then we started discussing some kind of memorial for him. It was mentioned that the park staff re-stained Bill's bench in the park. Some of the ideas about a memorial were; changing the plaque that is on the bench now, post a sign of some kind near the bench, and the Park staff is talking about doing something in the lobby of the visitor center.

4. Purchase Requests

Feeling that it was inappropriate to ask for any purchases at this time the Park Manager did not submit anything for this meeting.

Concerning the old requests that were not approved, the air conditioning unit for the tractor was bought by the park.

5. Park Manager's Report- given by Kim Lloyd
Alex Gomez is a full time employee.
The park is approved to receive another Ranger, formally called a PSA possibly by the end of the year.
Kim is hoping to get approved to receive about \$20,000.00 for equipment.
The superintendent of parks is reworking the allocation money for the park system.
The deer hunt is set for January 2009.
6. Remaining 2008 Events
We discussed the events that are already set for this fall.
The Annual Meeting and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th.
7. President's Position
We had a discussion about who would like to be the next President of the Friends group
Ken Grundy stated that he is already too busy and doesn't really have the time do it.
Steve Hackman stated that he liked being the treasurer.
Earl Pfeiffer stated that he has loose ties to the park now and he likes it that way.
Stan Forster stated that he would like to go to fewer meetings per year.
In addition to needing a president, we still also need someone to work on membership and renewals and a newsletter editor.

We discussed getting together for our annual holiday dinner in December and we need someone or the new president to eventually redo the renewal letter that we send out to the members. In order to let our members know that Bill had died we discussed sending out a letter to them. It was also mentioned that we may want to have a picture or something for Bill at the Annual Meeting.

8. Roundtable
Steve mentioned that we need to update the signers on the OBA account and Stan volunteered. The Sandy Spring Bank account that was discussed at the last meeting was given to us by Milt Kaufman. The money was from a Greenway Trail account totaling about \$1300.00. The board agreed to earmark the money to be spent only on trails since it was originally collected for that purpose.
Ed asked what was happening with the old gun club property and Kim stated that they had no plans for it right now.
Stan mentioned that we should go to fewer meetings per year. We discussed the specifics of being a signer on our bank accounts.
9. Next Meeting- Wednesday, November 12th, 2008