

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from August 19, 2009

1. Present: Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Dave Scull, Ed Branges, Dave Powell, Ellen Erdelsky, and Ken Grundy.

Absent: Dr. Stan Forster

2. Minutes from May 13, 2009.

Approved with numerous corrections.

3. Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman

See other sheet.

Donations- \$500.00 was from the American Bottlers Association who had people in the Park shooting a commercial.

-\$75.00 from H & R Block as a result of Bill Larson's sales.

Purchases Made-

Initial payment to Don's John's for the rental toilets.

4. Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See sheet

5. Purchase Requests-

Signs for the managed hunt \$150.00. Approved

Rechargeable flashlights \$300.00- 350.00. Approved

Portable Radios \$ \$250.00 each (\$1250.00) Approved

It was mentioned that the park needs a new motor for the small whaler and it would cost about \$3000.00 to \$4000.00. We decided to table this for now because the boat does not need to be ready until the spring.

6. Park Manager's Report

The Mule ATV was appreciated this year.

There were 18 seasonals employed by the park this summer and it was a pretty busy season.

There were 65 volunteers at Schaefer Road for National Trails Day this year and MORE provided team leaders. Washington Gas sent 15 people to volunteer

We passed around a picture of the Naturalist, Katie Wong. The Gazette advertised her events frequently. We will continue this program in 2010.

Hayrides will be held this week

A new ranger started on July 1, 2009, Megan Vicino.

Maintenance

-redecked a bridge at Monocacy.

-put in a beach volley ball court

-put soccer goals in the field across the road from the tire playground and volleyball area.

The budget was good for fiscal year 2009 but not sure how it will look for 2010. However, there were many furloughs in the DNR and there were many employees that were laid off this past year.

Shaker Forest Festival is dead. The park did receive some money for last years' event. SCSP has not received their budget yet for this year.

There is a project from Annapolis called the Forest Brigade and they will plant some trees all over the park property including about 50 acres at Monocacy and 8 to 10 acres off Berryville road.

Another project from Annapolis is called the Criminal Justice Corp which gets troubled youth to do work in the parks.

Dave Powell asked Annapolis about the status of the Trail Expansion Project and they told him that they would get back to him.

Both the pavement and the walkway on the fishing pier have been repaired, but not the tie plates.

The maintenance department has redone the boat launching area.

There was a thorough inspection of the tire playground resulting in many repairs and restaining of the wood.

There were about 300 Park Quest teams in the state this year. Forty six of those teams visited Seneca Creek.

X2 Adventures sponsored a 10k race at the park about 2 weeks ago.

7. Roundtable

Steve asked Dave Scull if there had been any feedback about the johns at Schaeffer Road, but Dave said he had not been out there lately.

Ed mentioned that it wasn't a good berry season this year despite the rain, the berries were small and not good quality. Ed also mentioned that the Seneca Creek State Park Trail needs some work and is listed as about 10k in the Sugarloafers publication.

Ken said thank you for changing the date of this meeting. We discussed setting the date of the annual picnic. Nov. 21st is the Volunteer Summit so we decided to keep the picnic on Nov. 7th. Marty Berkman resigned from the board effective immediately.

Earl bumped into a trail worker for the county trail and he informed Earl that the weeds were long in one of Earl's sections. Earl was told not to power mow that area and a short discussion followed.

8. Next Meeting- November 11, 2009