

Friends Of Pocahontas State Park
Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2009

Present: Gardner Graham, Heather Bruneau, Thomas Flynn, George Andreadis, Earl Woolard, Casey Beaird, Brian Wright, John Seegers, Emory Hamlet, Liz Revette, Walter Wright, Richard Garyantes, Stan Morgan, J.D. Williams

Next meeting: December 9, 2009, 7:00pm, Heritage Center, PSP

I. Announcements

Minutes from previous meeting were not provided due to transition to new officers. Treasurer's report provided and accepted.

Meeting Agenda provided by Thom Flynn

Mountain Bike Ride/Pot-Luck/Swap Meet on Sunday, November 15th. Ride starts at 10:00, Swap Meet at 1:00. Meet at Shelter II.

II. Discussion

1. Capacity Grant – discussed two potential submissions for the capacity grant: IMBA or Volunteer Engagement. Motion for support of IMBA seconded, received no supporting votes. Motion for support of Volunteer Engagement seconded, fully supported by membership. Thom Flynn to work with Zoe on grant writing. Various sources for T-Shirts, Brochures, etc. provided by membership.
2. ATV Trailer – Discussed need for a trailer that can be attached to the FoPSP ATV. Park staff advised that park has a trailer that can be attached to the ATV. Park also has two Gator vehicles that can be used by FoPSP membership. Vehicle orientation must be complete before use by member. Arranging use of vehicle in advance is requested; point of contact is Dan or Caroline.
3. Trash Walk – Discussed setting up a routine trash walk for common park areas. Suggested second Saturday of the month from 11-2, meeting in the front parking area. Motion for support of the activity seconded, carried by membership. Garner Graham to coordinate and act as point of contact for activity.
4. Overnight Volunteer Work Event – Concept is to bring volunteers together for a combination work event and evening social gathering. Begin with a Saturday morning orientation and assignment to work group. Four hour work shift, then lunch, then afternoon work tasks, then evening social time. Sunday morning complete work tasks and disband. Ideas included bonfire for the evening, use of one of the cabin areas for sleeping (cabins can sleep 24 in relative privacy). Work event to be held in April/May for weather. Motion to support event seconded, carried by membership. Tasks to set up, work with park staff, identify lunch/dinner/breakfast plans, etc. Walter Wright to coordinate and act as point of contact for activity.
5. Matoaca High School Outdoor Club – Thom Flynn has been in contact with this organization to provide them with information on working on projects within the park. This club, as well as the high school track team, are frequent users of the park and they are looking for ways to give back. Thom Flynn is the point of contact.

III. Park Notes

1. Bridge over Third Branch appears to be nearing completion of paperwork requirements. Expected approval for the bridge is sometime this December. Assistance will be needed to build the boardwalk, expect work on that to begin Spring, 2010. Bridge will connect the pool area with the campground area providing a route between the two areas to alleviate the need for walkers and bikers to use the park roads.
2. 18 Known Cemeteries – There are 18 known cemeteries in the park grounds. Park staff is looking to delineate the grounds with fencing and to maintain the grounds. Would like assistance from volunteers in this work effort. Park contact is Caroline, historical society is also interested.
3. Hunting Sign Posting – park staff could use help during the week days posting hunting signs for the December hunt. Assistance needed through December 4th.

Other General Tasks:

Scraping, Painting, General Maint. Cabins, other buildings

Close up images of plants and animals within the park

Invasive species cleanup

Animal inventory

Assistance with Interpretive Programs and Nature Center hours

Wood Duck box maintenance

Dam area clearing

For more information on any of these tasks or to volunteer to help out, please contact the park staff.