

## **Friends Of Pocahontas State Park**

### Meeting Minutes

*December 09, 2009*

*Present:* Gardner Graham, Thomas Flynn, George Andreadis, John Seegers, Emory Hamlet, Walter Wright, Richard Garyantes, J.D. Williams, Wayne Johnson, Caroline Garmon, Keith Morrison, David Cayman, William Lamie, Perry DeMay, GUESTS: Johnny & Jo Finch - VAFP

*Next meeting:* January 13, 2010, 7:00pm, Heritage Center, PSP

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#### **I. Announcements**

Minutes from previous meeting were provided and accepted  
Treasurer's report provided and accepted.  
Meeting Agenda provided by Thom Flynn

#### **II. Discussion**

1. Capacity Grant – Discussed grant submission. Applied for money to support creation of pamphlets, cards, new maps. Award decisions expected 1/5/2010, should have award information at next meeting.
2. Web Site Redesign – Discussed meeting with Jason and outlined the new page design, discussed desire to have some members provide biography & 'why I am a FoPSP member'. Discussed addition of email addresses for specific purpose (BikeTrail@, GeoCache@, Info@). Expect more information about site design progress at next meeting.
3. Service Events – Discussed next Trash Walk event as well as painting the Appomattox building.
4. Service Weekend Event – DATE: April 24-25. Will use Ecology Camp campground. 4-5 people per team, teams will have specific tasks to accomplish: cemetery maintenance is a confirmed task, may have other tasks to accomplish depending on turnout. Perry discussed having the volunteer dinner on the Saturday night.

#### **III. Park Notes**

1. Managed Hunt ½ way through – 25 doe taken, hoping to have 200 taken during hunt.
2. Next major events are Little Bitty, Muddy Buddy, NASCAR Weekend. Muddy Buddy brings in about \$12K to the park system.
3. Concerned about park budget, looking at the P/L of various activities to try and enhance those that generate revenue.
4. Equestrian Center will be closed through at least 2010.
5. Alternative Spring Break (ASB) group will be coming to the park in March. This is a youth service group. Friends will be invited to participate in some of the activities with ASP. This group typically focuses on construction activity and trail maintenance.
6. Couple of the bike trail signs are facing the wrong way and new signs for certain areas are desired. Dave, Caroline, and John Seeger to work on this.

#### **IV. VAFP Presentation**

1. Johnny and Jo Finch of the Virginia Association for Parks gave a great and informative presentation on the VAFP program. Members of FoPSP are encouraged to look into joining the VAFP. Associate memberships are free. More information is available at [www.virginiaparks.org](http://www.virginiaparks.org). The presentation will also be available on the FoPSP.org site in the near future.