

FRIENDS OF PANTHER CREEK STATE PARK
Board Meeting
6/2/2008
Smallman Shelter

The meeting began at 6:45 pm.

Present: Bill Andrews, John LeCroy, John Mitrik, Bonnie Oakberg, Dennis Zazueta, Sheri Belling, Sheri Sullivan, Michelle Mitrik, Sarah Eichelman

Minutes: Minutes from the previous board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Deposits: \$ 1580.00
Payments: \$ 1490.59

Previous Checking balance: \$ 8018.41
Current Checking balance: \$ 8107.82

Total CDs: \$ 10,000 (due 9/9/08)

Note: There is a \$15 accounts analysis fee that we were charged and Dennis will look into this

Motions:

Motion made and approved that all race entrants will become Friends members for one year then they will be sent a renewal notice.

Upcoming Dates:

Trail Race – June 7, 2008 Registration 6:45 am – Race starts 8:00 am

Junior Ranger Naturalist Camp - June 23-27, 2008

Old Business

Brick Sales: Kiwanis visit went well. 4-5 brick sales came out of this. The Darrel and John L. show is now ready for Lions & Rotary clubs. Bill to look into getting this scheduled.

Trail Race: 6:45am registration, 8am start for the Trail Race for June 7th. Sheri B. also pointed out that June 7 is National Trail Running Day. We currently have 65 race entries. KTC said they typically see 75% of their entries come on the day of the race.

There was lots of discussion about the RiverSports bike race that will start at 9:00 also on June 7. Many safety concerns were noted about an overlap of walkers with bikers coming down Deer Run (single track). Sheri B. & Dennis have tried to talk to RiverSports to no avail. The group left this with John L. to discuss and ask them to either start at 9:15 or have the first lap of the race not come back on Deer Run. Dennis will coordinate that the last person at the Deer Run trail entry from boat ramp will serve as a warning to bikers.

John L. got fruit and water donated from Ingles. Dennis and Sheri B. will take care of the rest of the food and may call on members for additional food items if needed.

Friends of Panther Creek State Park
The Park's Visitor's Center is located at 2010 Panther Creek Park Road, Morristown, TN 37814
(423) 423-587-7046; www.friendsofpanthercreek.org

Overlook: The panels are almost complete. John L. hopes to proof this week. Architects will provide a site plan next week for landscaping. Plaque info still needed to order for students at UT.

Card Social: Commit to the date of September 14th for the card social. Dennis will begin planning after the trail race.

Friday night swim: No issues with pool opening. We will need 2-3 Friends to chaperone likely 2-3 times per month. We will need to discuss some dates at the next meeting.

Junior Ranger Naturalist Camp: So far everything is OK per John L. The park will not likely need monetary support from the Friends group for this.

Gift Shop Items: The group discussed getting a logo contest at Walters State. This will have to wait for Fall when students have art studio classes. A prize of \$100 was suggested but not voted on yet.

The Johns (L & M) still need to get a picture and have this sent to the company for the hiking medallions to be made. Also discussed going ahead with the initial order of bike bottles with a generic statement on the bottle to see how they sell then possibly the next order can have the newly created logo.

Pool Solar Panels: No new information

Vending Machine Contract: The state does not want to give this back to the Friends group.

Letter: No news on the thank you letter for Mr. Fyke.

UT Plaques: We will need to order our plaques to present to UT for their help soon. Darrel to get the wording for the plaques to Sheri S.

Calling Tree: Sheri S. will make the tree from her list of members.

Soccer League: It was discussed that the \$100 donation entitles the soccer league to become corporate members. Sheri S. needs to get their contact information. Michelle to try to get this information.

New Business

Park Staff – It was discussed that something be done by the Friends group for the park staff to show our appreciation at Christmas time. Board to present different ideas at the next meeting.

David McCoy Monument: It was noted that since the sidewalk configuration has changed around this monument, there is no access to the front of it. It was suggested to either turn it around or move it to a new location. John L. will check with Lynne about her thoughts. The monument is currently located at the near the kiosk at the Visitor's Center.

Committee Reports:

Membership –

Newsletter – This will go out in the coming days.

Marketing/Publicity –

Trails – ½ of the new horse trail is open

Fundraising – John L. said that the donation tubes need to be emptied. Bonnie to take of this with Dennis if needed.

Nominating – The Annual meeting for elections to be June 26th at the pool. Those who show up will be allowed to swim for the rest of the day (pool closes at 6:30 pm). The nominations are as follows:

President: John Mitrik

Vice President: Bill Andrews

Secretary: Thelma Metzger

Treasurer: Dennis Zazueta

Board: Frank Oakberg, Michelle Mitrik, Sarah Eichelman

Long Term and Land Acquisition – not discussed

Grant Research – not discussed

Next Meeting: Monday, July 14nd at 6:30 pm at Smallman shelter (near overlook).

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John & Michelle Mitrik