

FRIENDS OF POINT BEACH STATE FOREST

MINUTES OF JUNE 2008 BOARD MEETING

JUNE 10, 2008 BOARD MEETING ROOM---POINT BEACH STATE FOREST

Meeting was called to order by President Randy Beecher at 6:40pm

Board members present were: Kathy Beer, Barb Schweitzer, Nannette Krause, Kevin Duveneck, Bob Pilzak, Randy Beecher

Park Representative: Guy Willman

Motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the May minutes and approve them as presented--MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Bob Pilzak presented the current financial report which included:
\$2963.31 checking account balance
1305.05 savings account balance
8000.00 certificate of deposit

Bob also reported that there are currently 53 paid member units

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers Report---MOTION CARRIED

BENCH REPORT: There are no new bench orders pending at this time

PARK REPORT: Guy Willman reported the the new naturalist, Pahoua Lee, is attending a training session after which she will begin her duties at the park, centering mainly around the nature center and naturalist programs.

Park usage is currently down. Several school groups from the area visited and/or camped at the park in May. Beach testing has resumed. After an original testing showed clean, the second testing warranted the posting of an advisory.

NEWSLETTER: Next newsletter is scheduled for late August or early September.

PARK NEWSPAPER: Bob had a final proof of the newspaper which after proofreading should be ready for printing. However, the response from potential advertisers has been very disappointing, and several Board members will be making personal visits to businesses in hopes of collecting enough ads to get the paper printed at no cost to the Friends

Group.

OLD BUSINESS: Approximately 150 adults and 40 children were served at this year's Breakfast in the Forest. Once again the breakfast was competing with other events going on that same day. It was agreed that the breakfast needs more promotion in the days leading up to it. It was pointed out that those attending the Breakfast on the Farm had an extremely long wait, and that we may be able to use that to our advantage in our promotions. Otherwise, Randy reported that everyone helping seems to have a 'handle' on what needs to be done in order to make everything run smoothly and efficiently.

Because everyone seems to be going 'green' right now, Randy will be checking into using paper cups rather than styrofoam. The paper cups could possibly have the Friends logo or some other design on them to promote the Group. A suggestion was also made to possibly sell coffee mugs with the Friends logo on them. Those who purchase the mugs could then present them at any future Friends events and receive free refills.

There was some discussion about the firestarters, a sample of which was presented at last month's meeting. There is a possibility that the Group could make and sell their own firestarters, since Guy has plenty of leftover candle wax from the Candlelight Ski.

Randy reported that he received a comment from a visitor that it would be nice to once again have a flagpole in the area of the lodge. Since there is already a flag at the contact station, Guy would rather not have to light a second flagpole, so possibly a flag at the lodge would only be flown during the day, or during special events. This will be discussed further in the future.

FOG AGREEMENT: Randy had been notified that the Group currently does not have a signed agreement with the DNR on file. An agreement should have been signed when the Friends Group was originally formed, and since the agreement calls for automatic renewal every three years (unless one or both parties want to terminate the agreement) then there should be no reason to have to resign it. Randy will be checking with the DNR's Friends Group coordinator to see what exactly the problem is.

NEW BUSINESS: After participating in a wine and chocolate tasting event put on by the owner of Stump Jack Coffee, Bob made some inquiries into what it would take to possibly hold a similar event at the park. He is currently awaiting more feedback on specific details for what could be a possible fall event at the park.

There will be no July Board meeting.

The August Board meeting will consist of making plans for Halloween Weekend. It was decided to once again have live entertainment using the same group from last year. Randy will be contacting them to see if they are available.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn--MOTION CARRIED Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Duveneck