

Friends of Pine Grove Furnace Annual Board Meeting

November 20, 2011

In attendance: M. Colucci (Vice-President), B. Breen (Treasurer), S. Breen, J. Zimmerman (Park Manager), D. Burd, J. Burd, A. Weltman, S. Perry, G. Perry, B. Weiser, D. Weiser, D. Velozo (Secretary)

Membership

- Annual membership dues reminder to be sent to current membership
- Plans discussed to increase “active” involvement by membership
- Ideas generated included a “Family Day” to focus only on meeting fellow members and form committees for various yearly volunteer activities in the park (such as clean up trail days, sponsored events)
- Plans for a volunteer picnic associated with one of our events was discussed and approved
- Board members to contact local college partners to encourage more student participation in park projects and events; specifically students enrolled in environmental studies

Furnace Fest final report

- Over 5,000 people participated in the 2011 fest; the event was incident free
- Vendor participation increased and reservations have already been accepted for the 2012 fest (October 20-21, 2012)
- Vendor applications currently available ([see attachment](#))
- Improvements for 2012 to include increased signage; floater volunteers and parking solutions
- Priority items for next meeting: vendors, entertainment, volunteer recruitment
- Funds raised: \$2,123.95

Iron Run Event – June 9, 2012

- Registration form reviewed and approved
- Logistics for event reviewed and approved
- Timer for event to be booked (Big Springs HS)
- Donation approved to be given to Big Springs as our Official Event Timekeeper
- Additional water jugs to be purchased by Friends group for this event and use at other volunteer activities
- T-shirts to be pre-ordered based on early registration with extras to be ordered in anticipation of same-day registrants
- Awards to be provided by sponsors and pint glasses to be purchased by the Friends group
- Interested sponsors can contact: colucci.mark@gmail.com

Iron Run Event – June 9, 2012 (cont'd)

- Central PA Conservancy will again provide lunch for a fee after the race
- B. Weiser/S. Perry to maintain a blog prior to the event to update racers on course conditions, etc
- A. Weltman will post Iron Run/5K Challenge information to Friends web site and other race related web sites

Business

- Annual budget and expenses reviewed and approved by Board.
- Current balance - \$9,164.29
- Donations: \$500.00 Big Springs HS – timekeeper 2011-2012 events
 \$400.00 PGF State Park PA System for Fuller Lake area
 \$1,044.00 Recycling container for PGF State Park
 (Park will purchase name plates for all donated
 containers – 2 to date; park will pay for shipping
 and handling).
- Friends group reviewed and approved plans to become the purchasing agent for park merchandise (formerly all proceeds went directly to the state not for park use)
- Friends group will invest approx. \$5,000.00 to purchase merchandise for the 2012 season.
- S. Perry to procure cash register for office sales; B. Breen to set up charge account system to be used solely for the Friends group. Park office staff to supply sales support
- Web Master needed to maintain current web site - interested parties please contact colucci.mark@gmail.com

The Friends of Pine Grove Furnace State Park wish
you a joyful and safe holiday season!

