

Friends of Weiser – February 11, 2012

Members present: Jim, Scott, Nick from DCNR, and new member Mike Foltz. *Judy Lingle*

Old business

Troutman Trail – there will be a work party of April 21 at 9 am. Andy Brought is relying on DCNR personnel and the Dauphin Co. Woodland Owners to complete that project but if any of our members would like to join them on April 21 he would be glad to have their help. The official grand opening for the Troutman Trail is June 16. State legislators will be invited. Some of our members should be there. Jim and Scott won't be able to be there.

Handicapped Trail – We repaired flood damage at last work party. Next step will be building the bridge. DCNR will place the rails and other materials at the trailhead. We will have to get them to the bridge site.

Hitching rail – Don will do grading at hitching post and we will paint it green or brown.

Friends of Weiser information boxes: Jim purchased a plastic mailbox to place information and membership applications for Friends. He will purchase 3 more. DCNR will provide the posts to mount them on.

Next work party to do the above: April 14, 10 am

Jim will be speaking to the Horse Connection group in the near future. He will take membership application to this meeting.

Horse camping site: Midway between intersection of White Oak road and the Minnichs Hit picnic area. Bud and Gwen Wills will be coming up to evaluate before the Horse Expo this month. Judy Lingle requested that an area be included for day parking.

Game cameras: We are still considering buying some with our funds. Jim will see if he can get one donated. Nick will check with management to get their thoughts on it.

Manure pit: DCNR will not approve

Nobody from our group was selected for an award from PPF.

Friends of Weiser Open House – chose August 19 – Sunday – for this event. We will want PEC trail booth as well as our own info. Plan to invite the Wild Turkey Federation, Boy and Girl Scouts, FFA, Equine Connection, 4-H, Sue Helm (county commissioner – Mike said he would ask her), Rattling Creek Single Trackers, hang glider group. Anyone else????

## New Business

Tractor Supply asked if we want to have a food stand at their next function. The date will be March 10 or March 11, depending what day 4-H wants . We will need donations of food as well as people to man the stand. We will sell the State Park guides and try to get new members. Jim will purchase a tri-fold display board to advertise the Friends group. Mike volunteered to help with this. We will work from 10 am until 2 or 3 pm. We will also discuss any business we have to take care of during this time.

Halifax Community Day – Saturday May 19. It would be great if someone could man a table for Friends. Maybe Brenda could do this???

Elizabethville Craft Fair – June 2. Friends wants a table there and also the PEC trail info if someone would be willing to pick it up from Elaine Winters.

Judy requested that Friends sponsor a trail ride at the Haldeman tract.