

We held a meeting for Friends of Weiser State Forest on Saturday Aug 25.

Before the meeting, Nick, Dave, Laurie, Lauren and myself met at 10am to hike an old existing trail that Nick would like to work on. This trail makes a loop off rim trail at the top of the mountain just past the hang glider launch. After hiking the trail, we decided it really would not take a lot of work to make this trail useable. Most of it just needs to be mowed off by the DCNR crew. We will just need to clear out the bottom part of the loop which will not take much work at all.

After the hike at 12 noon, we held our meeting at the picnic grounds just inside the main entrance to the Haldeman Tract. In attendance were Adelle, Bev, Dave, Don, Laurie, Lauren, Nick, new members Mike Kuhn & Carole Wertz and myself.

We did not have official minutes from our last meeting so I told our new members about our latest events and the projects we have completed since we came into existence.

We did not have a treasurer's report at the meeting but Scott told me we have a balance of \$444.50.

For new business we planned several upcoming events. On Sunday Sept 9 we are planning a work day starting at 10am at Minnich's Hit Picnic Grounds. Our project for the day will be to move the trusses (large logs) back the handicapped trail to the creek to begin working on the bridge. I know this is pretty short notice and we will need quite a bit of help. So please let me know if you will be able to make this day. And as usual we will plan a covered dish lunch and have a brief meeting during lunch.

We also set a date for the open house we cancelled in August. We have set a date of Sunday Oct 21 for this event. We would like to invite all user groups of the state forest to set up displays in the main parking lot. We would also like to run a chicken barbecue fund raiser along with this event. We will need to advertise the event and pre-sell tickets for the barbecue. Again we will need a lot of help planning this and contacting groups so please let me know if you can help and what you would like to do.

Then we asked Mike to tell us some of the things he would like to see happen. Mike runs a bike race that was held several weeks ago in Weiser. He had talked to DCNR about the possibility of clearing more trails and he has joined our group to help with our effort. He is working on plans to connect the trail system to the town of Lykens. He has a meeting coming up with the borough and will report back to us what results. We also talked about constructing a new trail from the end of Lukes to Fawn Kill. Nick has to look into this and this could be our project for next spring. He also talked about promoting the great trail system that we have in our back yard. We all agreed that our groups could all work well together in preserving our current trails and in the development of new ones and other projects that would benefit Weiser's users.

The meeting ended and we enjoyed burgers and hotdogs from the grille.

As always we welcome your comments and ideas.

**JIM THEURER**