

## **February 7, 2012 Friends of Harmonie State Park (FHSP) Minutes**

The February meeting was held at the Alexandrian Library in Mt Vernon, IN. 15 people were present.

Minutes for January meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for January was read and approved. Ending balance was \$2395.58.

Steve Moll is interested in becoming FHSP Vice President. To make sure we get someone in the position as soon as possible, he was nominated to be Vice President by Joe Stoltz. Vicki Campbell seconded the motion. If he agrees to be VP, the nomination will be voted on next month.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would go with Old National Insurance for our GL insurance. They offered the lowest price as compared to the other 3 companies we looked at when looking at the actual insurance plus all the add-ons. It is \$161. Ed will handle this.

The board members talked about not having an "Expenditure of money" clause in the by-laws. Ed brought examples of expenditures from other clubs that would fit our group. They were discussed and the Expenditure Clause below will be voted on next month. If passed, it would be added to by-laws.

### Section 6.5: Expenditures

Any request for expenditure will be handled as follows:

Expenditures under \$500 can be approved by a majority of the board.

Expenditures over \$500 will be discussed at one meeting. If a motion is made and seconded, it will be voted on at the following meeting.

Ed passed around a sample drawing of the stage. Actual size will be 20' X20'. We would prefer to use a composite material for the top deck. Our only estimate so far is \$3600.00. We are unsure if this includes rails or ramps – or even if this is required. Once we figure this out, we will get another quote for comparison but believe this to be close to what it will cost. We decided we needed to be prepared to do this project, so after much discussion; a motion was made to amend to the original motion of \$1800.00 to up to \$5000.00. Joe Stoltz made the motion which was seconded by Michelle Hirsch. Voting will be next month. Ed will call Timbertech company to see if they will donate all or part of the cost of their composite decking. Chastity Axton, assistant park manager, will contact DNR to make sure FHSP is not responsible for any accidents that may occur on the stage once built. This project will not start until two good estimates are received and funds are secured. Grant writing cannot go forward until we receive our 501(C)(3) Non Profit status. The IRS will contact us within 90 days of January 6th to let us know.

25 Bluebird houses were installed on Tposts throughout Harmonie State Park. Vicki Campbell and Denny Hargett will provide a log in the Main Office for volunteers to check the boxes. The log will provide information needed to run the Bluebird trails. Contact Denny (838-9463) or Vicki (Vic@drctransportation.com) if you would like to become a volunteer.

Philip Stoltz gave a visual presentation of the structure over the Oak cookie. He will contact Jim Gray to determine where to install and size of structure. Philip will present a drawing of the structure to the group when finalized. He will pursue funding from other interested parties as this is his Eagle Scout project. If additional funding is required, he will report back to the board.

\*\*\*The park personnel are asking for volunteers to assist with installing the playground timbers and mulch. They have the 6 X 6 timbers cut and only ask that someone help drive the steel rods into the ground to keep the timbers from moving. They will also need assistance with leveling the mulch once it is in the playground area. Thursday, February 16, looks like a good day. Please call Harmony State Park 682-4821 or Fred Hirsch985-3572 to volunteer.

Other topics of discussion:

Craft Fair-more information is needed before finalizing if group will sponsor.

- Luau-need date and more information from Shannon and Amelia before finalizing and deciding if group will sponsor. Chasity can get a large tent from State to cover Luau event.
- Corn Hole tournament needs to have a volunteer to organize if this event will move forward.
- Newsletter – Ed will get with Shannon and Communications Committee on specifics – probably 2-4 pages.

There are plans to make more Tri-folds or possibly a single 1/3 sheet advertising piece to be handed out as campers enter park to get our group known.

There was a lot of interest to get FHSP organized. Now we need your assistance to get projects moving so we can fund projects. Please consider volunteering.

**THE NEXT FHSP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 AT 6:00 PM AT THE ATHENEUM IN NEW HARMONY, IN. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**