

# Friends of Pine Grove Furnace Board Meeting

*Minutes for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

Board in attendance: A. Weltman (chair), M. Soderberg (vice-chair), J. Burleigh, S. Dodd, R. Shaw, B. Weiser, D. Weiser *arrived half an hour late due to other obligations*; D. Velozo (secretary) *via telephone line*

## ● Chairman's comments

- special Board meeting convened to address issues arising from departure of Treasurer B. Breen and Board member S. Breen.
- Board discussed communications with them, including long phone calls some members received.
- Board discussed Breens' previous contributions to the group and the need to replace the various tasks they energetically took on including Treasurer, handling merchandise, firewood and food for vol days.

## ● Treasurer

- Board voted unanimously for Josh to become our new Treasurer.
- Board discussed status of our current bank accounts, bank cards, and what business records we have or still need. It appears that we'll get most information from PPF Treasurer.
- Josh will work with PPF Treasurer to understand the job. PPF is canceling the previous bank card used for up to \$500 in immediate purchases, and instead a new bank card will be issued.

## ● Merchandise

- Donna agreed to take on the role of merchandise ordering and accounting, with assistance from Mary and Andre as needed to handle delivered goods at the park office.
- Board discussed past sales: in the past year we made approximately \$11,000 in sales, but ordered almost \$10,000 in merchandise, for a net income of only \$800 in round numbers. The full list of items recently ordered is not entirely clear. It is expected that in the upcoming few years, we'll not need to spend so much and will have a higher net income from sales at park office and special events.

## ● Firewood

- Board discussed bucking, splitting, stacking and refilling the campground shed. We'll be challenged to replace the strenuous and constant work by the Breens that has made firewood sales so successful.
- consideration given to seeking volunteers from Penn State Mont Alto forestry program, and/or paying commercial workers to assist with firewood preparation.
- for now, Andre can help chainsaw logs delivered by Maintenance, and we will try to have more regular splitting parties at Fuller parking. Having our splitter more conveniently stored nearby will enhance splitting more regularly. Mary and her husband are refilling the campground shed through the summer.
- we will completely use up existing logs and all split wood by end of this season. Andre has reminded the park that we would appreciate more trees to split. Also, a donor from MFA has promised to deliver already-split wood as he has done in the past, which is very much appreciated.
- Andre reported on honor sales racks in campground. Honor sales can begin soon, once a payment box is installed. Also, as suggested by Park Manager, we will install solar-powered motion-detector lighting.

## ● Advertising on Purple Lizard maps

- Board discussed potentially buying advertising space on the upcoming Purple Lizard map of the Michaux State Forest. We are provisionally going to purchase a small advert, pending more information from Purple Lizard on timing, and with assistance from PPF in drafting actual text & artwork.

## ● Request from Park Manager to buy brush loppers for volunteer days

- request for 20 new loppers @ \$20 each for well-attended volunteer days such as Earth Day, National Public Lands Day, and other special group volunteer efforts. Board agreed; Andre will go to Lowes.

## ● Fall Fest planning meeting

- as usual, we will have a mid-September planning meeting soon, Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM

## Next Board Meeting

*We typically meet in early November once we catch our breath after Fall Furnace Fest; date to be determined*