

# Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

## March, 2017 Newsletter Summary

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### President's Message

Thank you again for your continued support of the FDDSP as we support the best State Park in Arkansas with the sponsorship of events and by providing needed supplies and equipment.

Please help us in our 24th year of support of Devil's Den State Park. Come join us on March 4th for our Work Day/Awards Lunch/Business Meeting. The Work Day will start at 9 AM at the Visitor's Center. At 12:30 we will meet at Cabin 12 for our Awards Lunch followed by our Business Meeting. If you come to the Lunch and would like to bring some food, please call me at (479) 466-4517.

We will again be sponsoring two visits by Lynn Sciumbato and her birds, Bat-O-Rama on June 9 thru 11, and the 29th NWA Mt. Bike Championships Race on September 15-16.

I still continue to work with two Master Naturalists and others on trail maintenance on Thursdays (weather permitting) from 9 AM till Noon. If you would like to help us please call me at (479) 466-4517 for the location of the work.

I would like to see you all in March, June, and September. Continue to enjoy our great Park throughout the year.

Jack Miller, President FDDSP

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### Newsletter Options

As you may have noticed, we have changed the delivery options for the semi-annual Friends of Devil's Den newsletter. The main reason for this is that the old (mid-1990's) laser printer we have been using since 2013 to print the physical copies is wearing out (especially the paper transport), and alternatives (printing on home inkjet printers or commercially) are expensive. To conserve as much of the dues you are paying to go to directly helping the Park (rather than ink and postage), we ask that you choose the most cost-effective delivery method you can manage:

Download: The newsletter (as well as back issues for several years) are available for download in .pdf format on our website. Those who have chosen the Download option will receive an email with the link when a new

one is uploaded. Once downloaded you may view the newsletter in color on your device screen (including enlarging or shrinking to suit your eyesight, as your .pdf viewer allows) and/or print it on your printer in color or monochrome, whenever you like.

Email: If you prefer, we will send the newsletter in .pdf format as an attachment to an email. Note that the file size regularly exceeds 1 MB (megabyte) so please be sure your email provider supports such size emails, and your download speed is fast enough that you won't be yelling at the progress indicator when you're waiting for an important message which is in the download queue behind the newsletter. Again, you can view onscreen and/or print.

Summary: For the technology-challenged we will mail a condensed, text-only monochrome printout to cut down on the number of pieces of paper that have to move through the old printer (or cut down the costs of ink when the old printer dies and we have to switch to inkjet). We will try to keep the font size as large as will fit.

If you have not yet chosen an option please email your choice to [membership@devilsden.org](mailto:membership@devilsden.org). If we don't have a record of your choice we will mail a Summary copy.

John Crochet, Treasurer, Membership Chairman,  
and assistant to the Newsletter Editor

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### FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda -March 4, 2017

Our meeting will be held in Cabin 12 at 12:30 following the Awards Lunch:

Call to order  
Approve September 2016 minutes  
Approve Financial Report  
Membership Report  
Old Business:

Fire Proof Safe/File Cabinet  
Wash House Plaque  
2017 Park Events

New Business:  
29th NWA Mountain Bike Championship Race  
Park Staff Requests for Equipment and Projects  
FDDSP Printer  
Website/domain expenses  
Award Certificates

Next Meeting-Sept. 16 after the Mt. Bike Race in Cabin 17  
Adjourn

Please try to attend or mail in your proxy (enclosed with this newsletter) if you can't. Thank you for your continued support!

## Friends of Devil's Den September 17, 2016 Minutes

Cabin 17 was the scene for our semi-annual meeting. Present for the meeting were Jack Miller, Harry Harnish, Bill Ruzicka, and John and Aimee Crochet. Jack Miller called the meeting to order. Proxies were presented from the following members: Michael D. and Peggy L. Hux, Martha and Thurman Ragar, Stephen and Ruth Shepherd, and Kathy Stafford. With these proxies, we had the needed quorum for matters on the agenda.

Copies of the minutes from our spring meeting were distributed. John moved that we waive the reading of these minutes and that they be adopted. Harry seconded this motion which was adopted by general consent.

The Financial Report was presented by John and discussed. Aimee moved to accept the report and Bill seconded the motion which passed by general consent.

The Membership Report was presented orally by John. We now have 31 members of which 21 are family memberships. This gives us 52 voting members and a necessary quorum of 6 to do business.

In Old Business discussion of the fireproof safe was tabled until the March 27th meeting by general consensus.

In New Business the Wash House Plaque Proposal was discussed. Bill presented a slide show of the proposal for a future plaque at the site. John suggested including the site with information and photos in the Devil's Den Trail Booklet which is now being considered for reprinting. The proposal was tabled until a future email board meeting after consulting with park staff on both proposals.

We will also wait to get a new list of 2017 Events from the staff to discuss them via an email board meeting. No requests were made by park staff so an email board meeting will be held to approve Terry's email request for Master Gardeners for dirt and mulch.

John brought up the problem that the 20 year old laser/fax printer we are using to print newsletters is not working properly. He suggested that we may want to ask members when dues notices are sent out if they would be willing to forego a printed newsletter in favor of viewing it online from a link sent to members via email. These could then be printed if they wished. There could also be an option to receive the newsletter by email with the caveat that it might take a long time to download. For those who do not choose either option, we would mail out hard copies of a summary version of the newsletter. The consensus was that by eliminating

mailing out so many newsletters our organization would be able to save on paper, ink, and postage and would add to the life of the old printer we are using now and John and Aimee were given discretion to implement this.

John presented a proposed annotated 2017 budget. It was referred to a committee of the whole and the meeting was recessed for a meeting of that committee. When we reconvened, the committee recommended that we accept the proposed budget with the elimination of the Paxton Award appropriation and annotations. As so amended, the budget was adopted by a show of hands.

The Election of Officers was held and Bill nominated the following officers for 2017: President - Jack Miller, Vice President - Harry Harnish, Secretary - Aimee Crochet, and Treasurer - John Crochet and moved they be elected by acclamation, which was done.

Dates for our 2017 meetings will be March 4th in Cabin 12 and September 16th in Cabin 17.

John moved to adjourn and this was seconded by Aimee.

Aimee Crochet, Secretary

## Calendar of Events

- March 6th-Spring Break begins  
25th-26th - Devil's Den Rocks
- April 7th-8th - Ozark Mountain Bike Fest  
10th-13th - Senior Citizen Fun Week  
21st-23rd - Signs of Spring & Wild Edibles Workshop
- May 5th-7th - \*Birder Weekend
- June 3rd - National Trails Day  
9th-11th - 27th \*Annual Bat-o-Rama
- July 2nd - CCC Reunion Day  
4th - 42nd Annual Devil's Den Games  
8th - Picnic in the Park
- August 31st- September 4th - 6th Annual Legacy - Think Like a Mountain Weekend
- September 9th - Lee Creek Clean-Up  
15th-16th - \*29th Annual Mountain Bike Race
- October 13th-15th - 5th Annual Fall Fest  
28th - Devil's Den Haunted Trail Walk
- November 15th - America Recycles Day  
24th - Green Friday
- December 23rd - Holiday Open House

\*Denotes a Friends of Devil's Den sponsored event or activity