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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

About the Friends of Devil's Den

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. helps Devil's Den State Park provide diverse recreational and educational opportunities for all visitors while protecting the natural and cultural resources of this unique Ozark valley.

The Friends raise money to cover costs beyond the state budget for equipment, improvements, and programs to make your visit at the Park more convenient and enjoyable. Friends also provide volunteer labor at programs and for

maintenance and improvement of the Park.

For more information see our website at www.devilsden.org or find us on Facebook at Friends of Devil's Den State Park in NW Arkansas or email us at friends@devilsden.org.

To Join:

Fill out the form on page 4 and mail to the address on the form

or join online at www.devilsden.org/join.htm.

To Donate

If you wish to make a donation to help the Park without joining the Friends, mail it to

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or make it online at www.devilsden.org/help.htm

or through PayPal to treasurer@devilsden.org.

Thank you in advance for your support..!!!!

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. 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



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 (on back page of 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

September

31st (August)-4th - 6th Annual Legacy - Think Like a Mountain Weekend
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

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I want to join Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.
Name: _____

Additional Name: _____
(For Family or Business/Organization memberships to designate voter)

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Check appropriate membership:

- \$15 Individual \$10 Full Time Student
- \$25 Family \$100 Business/Organization

Additional, tax deductible contribution level (if desired):

- \$50 Quail Valley \$100 Butterfield Trail
- \$250 Yellow Rock \$500 Vista Point
- \$1000 Devil's Den \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

I would like to volunteer in the following area(s):

- Clerical Carpentry Trail Maintenance
- Landscape Friends' administration Computers
- History Research Maintenance Plumbing
- Bird House Management Wildlife Management
- Other: _____

Date: _____/_____/20____

Please fill out if you are unable to attend our meeting. Mail to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., PO Box 623, West Fork, AR 72774-0623

PROXY

I hereby appoint _____, or, in his/her absence or inability or unwillingness to serve or if left blank, a member present appointed by the presiding officer, as my proxy at the March 4, 2017 membership meeting of Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., with the following instructions:

To abstain on all other matters. Date: _____

This proxy is revocable upon written notice to the Secretary or upon my attendance at the meeting.

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

For family memberships, complete for second voting member:

Print name: _____ Signature: _____