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President's Message

Welcome to 2020. Our 2019 Financial Report is inside. Notice that we broke slightly better than even this year (mostly due to weather related event cancellations, but also in part from reduction of our in-house expenses, such as finding cheaper website hosting) as opposed to our pattern for the last several lean years of using the surplus from our past flush years to cover current programming.

Thanks to all of you, and especially those who donated additional funds over and

above your dues. At our last meeting we reviewed our tax status and determined that our annual dues are deductible the same as other cash donations. Still, those who did donate at least \$50 above dues last year will receive a "certificate suitable for framing" at our annual half-workday, potluck lunch, and membership meeting Saturday March 7. If you want such recognition but are short on funds (or just want the fun and want to help the Park) meet at 9:00 am at the

flagpole at the Visitor Center and the value of your work until noon will be enough to qualify you for a certificate next year. And then at noon we'll adjourn to Cabin 6 for potluck lunch (please let us know if you will be attending and what you will bring, friends@devilsden.org). If you can't make it to the meeting please send your proxy.

John Crochet, President

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* <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDevilsDenStatePark/>

or email us at friends@devilsden.org.

Tax Deductible:

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and all **dues and donations** are tax deductible.

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!!!!

FDDSP General Membership Meeting Agenda - March 7, 2020



Our meeting will be held on March 7th around 12:30 in Cabin 6:

- * Call to order
- * Minutes:
 - 9/14/19 Membership Meeting
- * Financial Reports
 - 2019 Final Report
 - 3/1/20 Year-to-Date Report
- * Membership Reports
- * Requests from Park Staff
- * Old Business
 - File storage
 - Tax Matters

- * New Business
 - Additional workdays
 - Awards presentation
- * Adjourn - Next meeting 9/19/20 at 4PM in Cabin 6

This meeting follows the mountain bike race.

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!

2019 Financial report Friends of Devil's Den State Park Inc. 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019

Beginning Balance		\$7,576.97
Income:		\$2,457.84
General	\$957.84	
Restricted	\$1,500.00	
Expenses:		\$2,432.92
FODD expenses	\$92.44	
Donations to Park	\$840.48	
Restricted funds disbursed	\$1,500.00	
Ending Balance		\$7,601.89
Unrestricted Cash Flow		\$24.92
Income details:		\$2,457.84
Dues	\$430.00	
Donations (unrestricted)	\$516.52	
Projects/restricted donations	\$1,500.00	
Interest	\$11.32	
Expenses details:		\$2,432.92
FODD Expenses:	\$161.03	
Supplies	\$85.80	
Ad/comm	\$27.17	
Bank fees	\$3.06	
Pstg/PO Bos	\$45.00	
Donations to Park	\$918.98	
Equipment	\$-	
Programs	\$918.98	
Restricted funds disbursed	\$1,500.00	
Covered by in-kind donations	\$(147.09)	

Projects:	Income	Expenses	Balance
8 Bike Race	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$-
14 Deposits	\$-	\$-	\$(6.00)
Authorized and outstanding:			\$129.52
Master (Gardeners) Naturalists		\$129.52	

Balancing Our Resources:



Friends of Devil's Den Annual Meeting - September 14, 2019 Minutes

John called meeting to order. Aimee was appointed to take minutes in the absence of the secretary. Present were John Crochet, Aimee Crochet, Harry Harnish, and Jack Miller. We had proxies from Barbara Huff appointing Pat Huff, Stephen and Ruth Shepherd appointing John, Martha and Thurman Ragar appointing John, and Myra and John Collins appointing John. John declined serving as proxy since he is the chair and appoints Harry to be proxy instead with the instruction to abstain.

John passed out minutes to the March meeting with a list of some corrections to propose. Jack made a motion to so amend the minutes and incorporate the attached list of changes. Harry seconded the motion. Without opposition the motion was so ordered. A motion to waive a reading of the minutes and approve them as corrected was made by Harry and seconded by Jack. Without objection this was so ordered.

The Financial Report was briefly discussed and submitted.

Membership report was given. We have a quorum of 4 to discuss business on the

Calendar of Events for 2020

April:

3-5 Ozark Mountain Bike Fest--Springtime in the Ozarks means it's time to hit the bike trails. Join the park staff for a fun weekend on the two-wheel trails. There's fun to be discovered by all ages and levels of riders.

14-16 Senior Citizens Fun Week--Join the Devil's Den State Park staff for three fun-filled days of park nature programs, guided hikes, cooking demonstrations, and other activities. Contact the park to make your cabin or camping reservations. Make sure to mention you're here for the Senior Citizen Fun Week. The event is designed for senior citizens, but anyone can participate in the activities.

***18-19 Signs of Spring and Wild Edibles Workshop**--Discover the variety of wild edible plants as you enjoy springtime hikes, crafts, and more! Workshop participants incorporate nature's wild garden ingredients to prepare and partake in delectable dishes. Contact the park front desk for more information and sign up. Ages 10 and up.

24-26/May 16-17 Backpacking Adventure Workshop--Just an ounce of prevention keeps your backpacking experience a positive one. With this in mind, we have prepared the Backpacking Adventure Workshop for those 18 years or older. This session explores backpacking preparation, skills, techniques, and equipment, and gain

agenda but not off it.

Old Business:

Future of the organization: We have enough of a balance to go 4-5 years without any income. Our expenses are running about \$500/year.

Website: Both the name server and the domain have gone up but not by much.

File Storage: The new box is already full. John will go through the papers and keep anything he thinks we really will need in the house. Older things like receipts can stay in the barn in an old filing cabinet. Future of Organization, Website, and File Storage are all pretty much stable now and can be taken off of Old Business.

New Business:

Park Staff Requests: In the board meeting held yesterday Mystina gave Jack instructions for the Holiday Open Houses - candy, cookies, and hot chocolate. For next year they want the usual: Bat-o-Rama, Birder Weekend, Master Gardner and Signs of Spring which was not on last year's budget. We'll do the same, \$150.00, for it. Mystina wanted lunch for the Backpacking Workshop. We will be

experience to hike the Butterfield Backpacking Trail. During the second part of this popular workshop participants hike and overnight camp on the 15-mile Butterfield Backpacking Trail. This experience provides an opportunity to utilize your new-found skills. Register at Devil's Den State Park by April 10, 2020. \$50 per person.

May

***1-3 Birder Weekend**--What was that splash of feathered color flitting across the canopy? This is just the type of question our passionate park staff and hosts can answer. Beginners and seasoned birders: enjoy walking the trails to discover what birds happen to fly by. The highlight of the weekend features Lynn Sciumbato from Morning Star Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Her engaging program includes some of her special feathered friends.

9 Great American Cleanup--Take part in the nationwide Great American Cleanup. Join this grass-roots movement to help clean the park and trails so many love deeply.

June:

***13-14 31st Annual Bat-O-Rama**--Park staff and special guests are on hand for some great family fun as we celebrate one of the most beneficial but misunderstood creatures in the world--BATS! Nighttime mist netting is conducted so you can get

willing to pay more if she can get the actual backpacking meal (freeze dried food, etc.) for their lunch, deferred to Board action.

2020 Budget: Budget submitted by John, attached. Most items remained the same. Motion to approve made by Jack and Harry seconded it. Without objections the budget was so ordered.

Tax Deductibility of Dues Payments: The Board of Directors voted that the tax deductible nature of our dues be placed in our various letters and other printed material.

Election of Officers: Harry moved that John be nominated as president, Jack as vice president, Myra as secretary, and Aimee as treasurer. This slate was elected by acclamation.

Next business meeting is March 7, 2020 after workday and lunch at 12:30pm in Cabin 6.

September 19th meeting after bike race at 4PM in Cabin 6.

Harry made motion to adjourn with a second from Jack and with no objections.

an close-up view of these amazing creatures.

September:

2-7 Legacy Week: Think like a Mountain Weekend--Join park staff and engaging speakers to discover how to follow past conservationists to preserve natural resources and promote environmental stability for future generations.

12 Lee Creek Clean Up--The Great Arkansas Cleanup is a state-wide volunteer event sponsored by Keep Arkansas Beautiful. This is the day park staff, area agencies and individuals come together to clean up the beautiful creek that flows through the park. Cleaner water means a cleaner park for everyone to enjoy. Come and help!

***18-19 32nd Annual Mountain Bike Race**--What's a mountain bike race without the trails at Devil's Den State Park? Come and ride in the race or just enjoy watching all the levels of riders compete.

December:

***19 Holiday Open House**--Help decorate the park's Christmas tree by making ornaments in the style of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) from the 1930s. Then, enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies!

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

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

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We're on the Web!

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and on FaceBook at https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDevilsDenStatePark

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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 7, 2020 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: _____