

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

September, 2022 Newsletter Summary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jack Miller, President FDDSP

We need your help. On Saturday, Sept 17, we will be having the 34th annual N. W. Arkansas Mountain Bike Race. We need Volunteers to help with Officiating of the race from 7:30 am till 4:00 pm at Camp Ground A. Volunteers report to Tim Scott for assignments. Any amount of time you can give us will be appreciated.

At the end of the Race (approximately 4:00 pm) we will be having our Semi Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers at Cabin 6. If you cannot come to the Meeting please send us your signed Proxy so we can have the Meeting.

Hope to see many of you at the Bike Race, our March Work Day, Bat-o-Rama, and any other Friend's sponsored Events.

"THE LONG HOT SUMMER"

Tim V Scott

While a reference in name only to the hit 1958 Paul Newman movie, 2022 really was the Long Hot Summer. It started like it was going to be mild with cooling rains, but that ended about July 4th. From there, it became hotter and dryer. Like most of the state, the park has had no significant rain for six weeks. In fact, Washington County and the park were under a burn ban for a month. 100-degree days can have a dramatic effect on visitation, especially combined with high fuel prices. Most visitors arrived early, then left for home around noon or headed to the swimming pool's wet sanctuary. Very few visitors like to hike in weather similar to a convection oven.

While it is still dry, the second half of August has been pleasant. And, it will not be long before the leaves start changing; in fact, the black gum's leaves should turn red soon. Fall always brings a record number of park visitors. You can't blame

them for wanting to hang around an evening campfire making smores, taking a bike ride on The Devil's Race Track, or hiking the ever-popular Yellow Rock Trail.

Fall also brings several special events. There will be the Lee Creek Clean-up on September 10th, and September 17th brings the 33rd Annual Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships- the oldest mountain bike race in the state. So mark both of those on your calendar and participate.

The Civilian Conservation Corps sure had it right when they decided to build a park in this Ozark Valley- a legacy that has lasted almost 90 years.

AGENDA

FDDSP Membership Meeting

September 17 2022

Call to order about 4:00 pm in Cabin 6

Approval of March 2022 minutes

Financial Report

2022 YTD

Membership Report

Requests from Park Staff

Old Business

None

New Business

Park Staff report on 2022 and 2023 Events

2023 Budget

Future of FDDSP

Election of Officers

Present Officers: Jack Miller President; Myra Collins Vice President; Aimee Crochet Secretary; John Crochet Treasurer

Next Bike Race: September 16, 2023

Next Meeting: March 4, 2023 in Cabin 1

Adjournment

MINUTES

Friends of Devil's Den State Park Inc.

Membership Meeting 3/5/2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Miller at 12:33 pm (after a half-workday and BYO lunch) in Cabin 1. Others present were John Crochet, John & Myra Collins and children, and Park Interpreter Kara Helton. Proxies were presented from Stephen & Ruth Shepherd to John

Crochet, and from Aimee Crochet to John Crochet. John advised that a proxy from Thurman & Martha Ragar was "in the mail."

Myra moves and Harry seconds to waive reading and adopt the September 2021 minutes as published in the March newsletter. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Financial Reports: John submitted the 2021 final report and a 2022 YTD report with oral correction to the latter that the \$51.17 in expenses has not been deducted from the \$1465.00 "Authorized and outstanding" list (which should therefore be 1423.83). Myra moves to accept both reports as corrected, Harry seconds, and without objection it was so ordered.

Membership Report: John reports 22 total memberships, 14 Family the rest Individual for a total of 36 voting members, with a quorum for matters on the agenda of 4.

Old Business:

Kara reports that the PA system we bought the Park has been tested but not yet used. It should come in handy during Spring Break.

New Business

Kara requested more Friends' brochures. John will print some up.

Wild Edibles will be April 16 as part of Signs of Spring, we have previously committed to up to \$150 to cover travel expenses.

Birder Weekend is May 6-8, we will pay the \$120 speaker's fee.

Kara requested us to man a table at the July 4 games, Myra and John volunteered.

Kids Campfire Cooking will be September 3. Kara requests that we supply the food to be cooked. John moves and Myra seconds that we spend up to \$50.00 to do so. Kara will get us a shopping list.

The Bike Race will be September 17. We have already committed \$500 for prizes (and/or electronic registration/timing services).

Kara requests that we man a table October 8 at Fallfest. Myra and John tentatively volunteer.

2021 Awards ceremony:

The president presented awards to	
Marie Lookingbill	Quail Valley
Thurman & Martha Ragar	Quail Valley
John & Myra Collins	Butterfield Trail
Dennis & Kathy Shelton	Butterfield Trail
Rick Turnbull & Kathy Shapland	Butterfield Trail
Jack Miller	Yellow Rock

(mistakenly announced as Vista Point)

Harry E. Harnish	Vista Point
John & Aimee Crochet	Vista Point
Pat & Carole Huff	Dillwyn Paxson and Vista Point

Harry mentioned that he thought he heard that Marie has passed away recently, he will look into that and let us know.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with the next meetings being September 17 at Cabin 6 after the Bike Race and March 4, 2023 at Cabin 1 after the half-workday.

John Crochet
for Aimee Crochet, Secretary

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 September 2021 (with March 2021 consolidated) 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: _____