

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

March, 2023 Newsletter Summary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Friends to our 29th year of helping out our Park. If you are available, please come to our Semi-annual ½ Work Day and Business meeting on Saturday March 4. We will meet at the flag pole by the Park office at 9AM for the Work Day. At noon we will have a BYO (Bring your own) lunch at Cabin 1 followed by our Business Meeting and Awards presentation.

If you cannot attend the Meeting, please send us your signed Proxy so we can have a quorum at the Meeting.

I would like to thank John and Aimee Crochet for all the great work they do in keeping FDDSP running smoothly. I would like to ask you all to pray that GOD would comfort the Crochets in the passing of John's father.

Hope to see many of you at our Work Day, Bat-O-Rama, Mountain Bike Race, and other Friends sponsored Events..

Jack Miller, President

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM ENDING

Amazon is ending the Smile program where we got a small percentage of the price of an item you bought using the website or mobile app for it and designated Friends of Devil's Den State Park Inc. as your charity, as of February 20, 2023.

Thank you to all who used the program to help us help the park. We have received \$118.84 since 2017, and should get a few more Dollars with the closing accounting later this year.

John Crochet, Treasurer

AGENDA

Friends of Devil's Den State Park Inc. Membership Meeting March 4, 2023

Call to order at Cabin 1
Approval of September 2022 Minutes
Financial Reports (2022 final; 2023 YTD)
Membership Report
Old Business
 Discuss time for September Business Meeting
New Business
 Requests from Park Staff
 Discuss Earth Day Booth at
 Botanical Garden 4/21/23
 Bike Race 9/16/23
 Awards ceremony
September Business Meeting at Cabin 6

MINUTES

Friends of Devil's Den State Park Inc. Membership Meeting September 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Miller at 4:01 pm (after the NWA Mountain Bike Championships) in Cabin 6. Others present were John Crochet, Harry Harnish, and Park Interpreters Terry Anderson and Kara Helton. Proxies were presented from Stephen & Ruth Shepherd to Jack Miller, from Myra and John Collins to "John," and from Aimee Crochet and Pat and Carole Huff with no specific proxy designate. The chair appointed Harry Harnish to be the proxy for all.

John moves and Harry seconds to waive reading and adopt the March 2022 minutes as published in the September newsletter. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Financial Reports: John submitted a 2022 YTD report. John moves to accept the report, Harry seconds, and without objection it was so ordered.

Membership Report: John reports 23 total memberships, 16 Family, 7 Individual for a total of 39 voting members, with a quorum for matters on the agenda of 4.

Requests from Park staff: Holiday Open House will be December 17. Jack will bring cookies for it.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Terry reported on Park events since the last meeting. Edible workshop was Easter weekend and it rained, so attendance was sparse; Tamara is training a replacement who lives closer to us and therefore will cost less in the future. There were 53 attendees counted at Lynn’s presentation at Birder Weekend.

John submitted a written proposal for the 2023 Budget. After discussion the Budget was adopted without objection.

A general discussion was had about the future of our organization.

Harry nominated the current officers (Jack Miller as President, Myra Collins as Vice-President, Aimee Crochet as Secretary, and John Crochet as Treasurer) to continue in the same positions for 2023. No further nominations being heard, the membership elected without objection Jack Miller

as President, Myra Collins as Vice-President, Aimee Crochet as Secretary, and John Crochet as Treasurer for 2023.

The next NWA Mountain Bike Championship will be September 16, 2023, and our meeting that date will be in Cabin 6. Discussion was had as to whether we could move the meeting time up (the bike race is ending earlier due to consolidation of the start of Categories 1 and 2). The matter was deferred until the March meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Harry with John seconding and no objection, with the next meeting being March 4, 2023 at Cabin 1 after the half-workday.

John Crochet
for Aimee Crochet, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ozark Mountain Bike Festival	April 8-9
Signs of Spring/ Wild Edible Workshop*	April 22-23
Birder Weekend/ Live Birds of Prey*	May 5-7
Annual Devil’s Den Games	July 4
Annual Mt Bike Race*	September 16
Devil’s Den Open House*	TBA

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

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, 2023 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: _____