



# ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday November 17, 2021

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Via ZOOM

## ATTENDING

<p><b>OFFICERS:</b></p> <p>Dave Engle – Chair          Michael Scott – Vice Chair          Mic Scott – Treasurer          Kyle Fawcett – Social Media Outreach          Dan Mumford – Secretary – Editor</p>	<p><b>BOARD:</b></p> <p>Lisa Engle          Dave Kowalewski          Tom Yarnall</p>
<p><b>PARK MANAGEMENT AND STAFF:</b></p> <p>Bill Kocher, Manager - Worlds End State Park</p>	<p><b>OTHER:</b></p> <p>Ruth Rode          Cain Chamberlin – Endless Mountains          Heritage Region          Tom Jones</p>

## CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

### WORLDS END DAY 2022:

- Saturday July 30, 2022.
- Commitments from:
  - Carbon County Environmental Center - Franklin Klock and his eagles;
  - Van Wagner – historical/music program;
  - Michael Kuriga - Falcons.
  - Reptiland.
- Time: approximately 11:00 – 5:00ish.
- Tentative Schedule:
  - 11:00 – 12:00: Franklin Klock
  - 12:30 – 1:30: Van Wagner

- 2:00 – 3:00: Michael Kuriga (should be at a different venue – LT pavilion? As to give Reptiland time to set up at the Cliff Pavilion?)
- 3:30 – 4:30: Reptiland
- Tom Jones offers his services – music. Perhaps between other events? Maybe at the amphitheater dedication or other anniversary events?
- Lisa Wilcox is working on lining up sponsors.
- Need to arrange insurance via PPF.
- Other possible vendors/participants/tables:
  - Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau.
  - Conservation District
  - Audubon Society
  - Northcentral PA Conservancy
  - Clean Water Institute
  - Middle Susquehanna River Keepers
  - Endless Mountains Heritage Region
  - Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association
- Should discuss and finalize the above list so invites can go out and these organizations can get it on their calendars ASAP. Do we want food vendors?
- Endless Mountains Heritage Region/Cain Chamberlin asks to be kept updated. He also mentioned a grant workshop tentatively scheduled for February 18 in Towanda. Dave E. added that we have to work through PPF on grants.

**ELECTIONS:**

- The Officer’s 3-year terms now expire.
- If anyone wants to exit their board or officer post – now is the time.

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**MOTION:**

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Dave Kowalewski moves that the current officers be re-elected to continue to serve for another three-year term in their current positions.

Tom Yarnall seconds the motion.

The motion is carried unanimously without dissent.

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- Any new volunteers to serve on the Board? No new volunteers at this time.

## **SULLIVAN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN:**

The county is developing a new comprehensive recreation plan – and is conducting a survey. We encourage all members to participate in the survey – Kyle sent a link to the survey to the membership via the email announcing today’s annual meeting.

We also received this email from the firm that is developing the plan:

*As you may know, Sullivan County is working to complete its “**Comprehensive Recreation, Parks & Greenway Plan.**” This plan is a collaboration between the public, project stakeholders, the County Project Steering Committee and the project consultants. This community supported plan will enhance recreational opportunities throughout Sullivan County and provide an inventory of existing resources that will identify opportunities and gaps. The goal is to create a framework for future private and public partnership with the focus on creating recreational opportunities that can be enjoyed by a diverse group of users.*

*Sullivan County has retained our firm, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, to lead a team of consultants in drafting this plan and are now in the process of organizing key person interviews. As important community partners, Sullivan County has identified you as essential key person interviews.*

*As part of a joint key person interview with your involvement at Worlds End State Park, we would like your thoughts on the future of open space & recreation in the County. The key person interview will be conducted virtually and be no more than 1 hour. We hope you will accept this opportunity to provide your thoughts and insights as they relate to Sullivan County.*

We agree that Dave Engle, as Chair, is best situated to represent our group. He will contact them to arrange an interview.

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS AND THE ANNUAL REPORT**

Please submit your 2021 annual volunteer hour reports ASAP to Diane and cc Dave. **Diane is leaving December 17, so please get your report to her soon.** Dave also needs this data for our annual report that is due in January, so please cc him.

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**VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

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- **FIREWOOD AND ICE:** About 100 bundles in Loop A – will move out any remaining bundles when Loop A closes in December. Ice boxes should be unplugged. The ice box in the campground is being replaced with a larger ice box due to the high customer demand at this location.
- **CROSSWALK:** Forks Township is applying to PennDOT for the crosswalk – we will be buying the needed signs. Mike will work with Bill and Kenny on this. If we want something more elaborate in the future – can discuss further at some point.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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- \$15,000 in the general fund.
- \$3,000 in the project fund.
- Revenue of \$41,000 this year from firewood and ice.
- Spent \$19,000 on firewood and ice.
- Spent \$52,000 on the amphitheater so far.

We are now selling Purple Lizard maps of the Loyalsock State Forest – have sold 8 so far.

A November 12 email from PPF (November Tidbits from Marci) had the following re sales:

*PPF just completed our annual audit. For the most part, it went smoothly, but for one hiccup related to a friends group. Please bear in mind that our financial policies were put into place for a reason—first and foremost to protect you, as volunteers. Please follow these guidelines to ensure compliance with federal and state non-profit management laws.*

*In 2022, we will be requiring all groups who have sales to keep inventory of the items for resale. The auditor is working on a simple form for tracking, which we hope to share with you in the December tidbits. Sales as a means of raising revenue more than quadrupled from 2019 to 2020, most of it in firewood and ice sales. (The tracker will not track pieces of firewood!) The tracker will better help you to monitor your inventory to maximize your return on investment.*

No one here heard of this audit – so it does not appear that we are the Friends group that had the “hiccup.” Regardless, since we do sell firewood and ice, this apparently will impact us. We will await more guidance from PPF. Hopefully this will not be overly burdensome.

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**SECRETARY-EDITOR'S REPORT:**

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- September 2021 Board Meeting minutes approved without additional revision or dissent.
- A revised draft edition of the winter edition Vista was distributed 2 days ago for board review and feedback. Dan will reach out to Ruth over Thanksgiving to get her a copy to review.
- Hopes to have the winter Vista final by the end of November so that it can be distributed to the membership in early December.
- This issue marks the start of our fourth year of the newsletter – and is the kick-off for the 2022 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. All issues in 2022 will feature park history, 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary info, summer teasers, save-the-dates, etc.
- Thanks to Ruth - she provided me with extensive park / Loyalsock historical information and photos. Also thanks to Jane for historical photos and Dave K. for photos of the monument dedication. If anyone else has any interesting history and photos, please forward to Dan.

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**PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

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**AMPHITHEATER PROJECT:**

- The concrete floor is installed along with gutters and down-spouting.
- 2 truck loads of cherry (obtained from fallen timber at Ricketts Glen) has been delivered to Lewis Lumber for 2 months of kiln drying. Once dried, parks staff expect to build ten 14-foot benches. The planks are 2 inches thick. Dave Engle reports that Mark Lewis/Lewis Lumber has offered to donate the kiln-drying fee to the group. He will need an acknowledgement letter once the fee amount is known.
- Still needed? Retractable screen, AV equipment (current equipment is 4-5 years old); laptop, DVD/VCR player, projector. We do have a portable screen that can be used until new screen installed.
- Seating capacity? At least 60. There will also be space for people to bring their own chairs.
- Our thanks to the park management and staff on this project – it is looking great.

**OTHER ANNIVERSARY EVENTS / AMPHITHEATER DEDICATION:** While planning for Worlds End Day, we have to keep in mind that the anniversary is a year-long celebration. We need to think of other events this summer – including when/how to dedicate the new amphitheater (maybe in the spring – May?).

**DAM REPAIR PROJECT:** More to be done – a change order is underway to improve safety.

**PURPLE LIZARD:** the Purple Lizard folks have contacted the park to discuss updates of their Loyalsock State Forest map. Intended to correct any errors and add anything new since the first edition of the map came out.

**MAPLE SYRUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Jane Swift was unable to make it to today's meeting – but subsequently asked that the group be informed that she hopes to bring back the maple syrup pancake breakfast in late March (has been canceled the past 2 years due to the pandemic). She would appreciate some help from the Friends. We can discuss further during our January meeting.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:**

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Kyle reported that our reach is now over 10,000 (adding email distribution list, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

Facebook is apparently changing how groups operate – anyone can join. We will have to be mindful of this when we post things. Tom Jones added that we also have to look out for increased spam, etc.

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**RUTH R. AND DAVE K. TRAILS MAP REPORT:**

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- Dave and Ruth met on November 4; working on revision # 4. Ruth is also meeting with the printer.
- Hope to have available by Worlds End Day.
- As they get closer to a final draft – will inform the board. We may have to meet to do a final review.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

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Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Will probably be done via ZOOM.

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