



2019 ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 4:30 PM

Worlds End State Park Office

82 Cabin Bridge Road

Forksville, PA 18616

ATTENDING:

Dave Engle - Chair

Michael Scott – Vice-Chair

Michelene Scott - Treasurer

Kyle Fawcett – Social Media Outreach

Dan Mumford – Secretary - Editor

Bill Kocher – Manager – Worlds End State Park

Jane Swift – Environmental Educator – Worlds End State Park

Marci Mowery – Pa Parks and Forest Foundation

Dave Kowalewski

Ruth Rode

Tom Yarnall

Lisa Engle

Mike Hermann

Dave Gantz

Rick Mueller

Nancy Mueller

Patty Lane

Mary Hokkanen

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A review of the bylaws (open to interpretation) indicate that officers serve for 3-year terms.

MOTION: To adopt the interpretation noted above and retain current officers for 2 more years.

Motion adopted with no dissents.

MOTION: To appoint Tom Yarnell of Forksville to the Board.

Motion adopted with no dissents.

- We should discuss (future meeting) appointing a membership coordinator to assist Kyle – to maintain member list, contact info, etc.
- Annual report will be due soon.
- Worlds End lost a true friend with the recent passing of Scott Bartman, whose support and love for the park and the Loyalsock State Forest was well known. The Friends of Worlds End has gratefully accepted generous donations totaling \$800.00 in memory of Scott.

WORLDS END DAY 2020: Saturday July 25, 2020:

- Need to publicize sooner and reach more outlets. Also more notices, posters, etc.
- Music? Jamcrackers?
- Animal acts popular; will try to get Carbon County Environmental Center again. Anyone with any other animal ideas?
- The January board meeting will focus on planning and establishing who we want, etc.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Is there a place we can store the ice machine for the season? Yes.

Mike will empty the ice machine and distribute the ice to whoever (hunters) to get rid of it.

Invoice for the patches has not arrived yet. Will it ever?

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Proposed 2020 budget circulated:
 - Chair: \$150.00

- Vice Chair: \$500.00
- Treasurer: \$300.00
- Secretary: \$300.00
- Social Media/Promotion: \$400.00
- Park Rangers: \$400.00
- Park Educator: \$300.00
- Worlds End Day: \$500.00
- Wood/Ice spending: \$2000.00
- TOTAL: \$4,850.00
- Current Balance: \$17,084.60
- Project Fund: \$12,000.00
- Working Balance for 2020: \$5,084.60

MOTION: via a subsequent email vote, the Board approved the proposed budget, including the creation of a Project Fund dedicated to the amphitheater improvement project. \$12,000.00 is to be transferred from our current account to the Project Fund. No objections.

SECRETARY - EDITOR'S REPORT:

- August 21, 2019 board meeting minutes approved without revision or dissent.
- In 2019, the newsletter, "The Vista," was successfully launched - thanks to everyone with this effort. 4 quarterly issues, plus a special issue re the tornado, were released. Plan for 2020 is to continue with the quarterly schedule – this schedule appears to be doable and sufficient.
- The next issue is the Winter 2020 issue, starting our second year of newsletters. Will be a "short" issue about today's meeting; plans for 2020; and the amphitheater project. It was also decided to include an article on winter safety. Hope to have a draft circulating by early December with a release date in later December or January.
- Anyone with winter pictures of the park, please email ASAP to Dan for the newsletter.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:

- Continues to build. 5 pages of names to add to our distribution list.

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Volunteers should enter their volunteer hours ASAP (needed for our annual report that will be due soon).
- Park manager briefed the board on recent events (since the August board meeting). This included a briefing on the tragic death of a 17-year old on November 10.
- Looking at repairing benches/replacing the wood parts. Looking at a variety of materials. A “thermally-modified” wood is available at \$100 per board. Cautions against using synthetic wood (porcupines). Also, some products need annual or semi-annual maintenance. Maybe first experiment with a small number. We can discuss further at a future meeting.
- Ranger Bob is retiring in December after several decades of dedicated service to the park and its visitors. Will have a luncheon for him Thursday December 19 at noon.

PA PARKS AND FOREST FOUNDATION UPDATE:

- Reminder that annual reports are due – please submit volunteer hours.
- 47 chapters statewide. Newest is Friends of Davis Hollow Cabin.
- Celebrated 20th anniversary this year.
- “Penns Parks for All”:
 - Preliminary report is out – comment window is now open. Please access the report on DCNR’s website and feel free to comment. PPF will be submitting formal comments.
 - http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/Penns_Parks_for_All_Draft_Strategic_Report_092619.pdf
 - <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/PennsParksforAll/Pages/default.aspx>
- Earth Day 50th Anniversary:
 - April 2020.
 - Celebrating with 50 service projects in April. Please let PPF know if you have a project.
 - See recent PPF newsletter for more information – including the official logo.
 - <https://3lbfea33km482lswmk36ltep-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-Fall.pdf>

OTHER:

- Purple Lizard Maps representatives described the new map of the Loyalsock State Forest they are creating. Meeting with Ruth this coming Friday; may meet again with the Board when the map is further along.
- Along the East Branch Trail... the beech tree stumps need to be cut lower to the ground.
- Theater in the park? Gamut; also Popcorn Hat are possibilities. But would have to schedule them soon well in advance. Can discuss further.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 15 at 4:30. Primary topic will be planning Worlds End Day 2020 and other 2020 events.