



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 19, 2022

4:00 pm – 5:20 pm

Via ZOOM

ATTENDING

<p>OFFICERS:</p> <p>Dave Engle – Chair Michael Scott – Vice Chair Mic Scott – Treasurer Kyle Fawcett – Social Media Outreach Dan Mumford – Secretary / Editor</p>	<p>BOARD:</p> <p>Lisa Engle Dave Kowalewski Lisa Wilcox Tom Yarnall</p>
<p>PARK MANAGEMENT AND STAFF:</p> <p>Bill Kocher, Manager - Worlds End State Park Jane Swift, Environmental Educator – Worlds End State Park</p>	<p>OTHER:</p> <p>Ruth Rode</p>

DEPARTURE OF MANAGER BILL KOCHER:

Park Manager Bill Kocher informed the board that after nearly 20 years at Worlds End, he has accepted a position as Manger of Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County – effective January 24.

Until a new manager is appointed, Assistant Regional Manager Alex Stout (sp?) along with Ricketts Glen State Park Manager Scott Wilson will be overseeing the park. The manager position has been posted; with bids closing January 26. On January 21, interested applicants will be given a tour of the park. It will likely take a month or two before the new manager is in place.

The Board of the Friends of Worlds End State Park thanked Bill for his generous support of our group and for his 20 years of service to the people of the Commonwealth here at Worlds End – and best wishes at his new position at Bald Eagle State Park.

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. (Mike Scott reports that we do not yet have a signed contract with Reptiland – hopefully this is just because it is very early yet. However, Mike will be following up with them.)
- 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
- Northcentral PA Conservancy – may set up a trout pond for fishing – would like to be located near Mel Zimmerman / Clean Water Institute
- We will discuss and plan in more detail at our February meeting.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Is working on the annual report; due by the end of the month. Needs contribution data – Mic and Dan will get him info on this. Also needs archery program dates (Dan sent these via email after the meeting).

Everyone is in agreement with Dave's proposed 2022 workplan and budget – except the budget amount for Worlds End Day should be increased.

For the annual report, the numbers submitted for the 2021 budget:

Chair: \$250
Vice Chair: \$500
Secretary: \$350
Treasurer: \$350
Social Media: \$400
Park EDU: \$400

Worlds End Day: \$500
Ice/Wood: \$4000
Special Projects: \$2000

For the 2022 proposed Work Plan:

Continue newsletters
Archery programs
Map development
Firewood/ice sales
Worlds End Day planning
Amphitheater dedication (?)
Other 90th anniversary celebrations to assist park staff (?)
Assist with trail runs (?)
Trail work (?)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS:

Board members need to file annual conflict of interest forms – see the policy and forms at these weblinks:

<https://paparksandforests.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Conflict-of-Interest-policy.pdf>

<https://paparksandforests.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/annual-affirmation-of-compliance-and-disclosure-fillable.pdf>

You can send to Dave E. and he will forward to PPF along with the annual report – or you can send yours directly to PPF.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

ZOOM calls have been set up through 2023 – so we always have that option if we need it (the number is supposedly even available at other times if we so want). We will likely continue with ZOOM through the winter – and hope to resume in-person in the spring (pandemic conditions permitting).

VICE-CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- **FIREWOOD AND ICE:** Wood was re-stocked last week in the cabin area; sales have been strong. Our vendor has increased prices 10 cents per bundle (we are their biggest

customer). We will absorb the price increase. 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 has approved placement of signs and will be paying for them (\$600) and installing them.
- **ARCHERY CLASS:** Yes, Mike is available for classes this summer. Will set the schedule later this spring and will publicize via The Vista and the park's Facebook page.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CURRENT BALANCES:

- \$17,699 in the general fund.
- \$3,145 in the project fund.

2021 SPENDING:

- Firewood: \$17,900.
- Ice: \$2,734.
- Amphitheater: \$52,684.

Mic will be attending a PPF Zoom call this week re treasurer responsibilities. We will likely receive guidance as to the tracking of inventory; PPF appears to have some concerns (statewide – not with us) as the result of some recent audits. Mic will be in the office this week and will do an inventory count of the Friends maps, patches and Purple Lizard maps. (note – we sell the Purple Lizard maps for \$18 despite a \$17 sticker price because of sales tax).

SECRETARY-EDITOR'S REPORT:

- November 2021 Annual Meeting minutes approved without additional revision or dissent.
- **SPRING EDITION OF THE VISTA:**
 - A draft of the spring edition of The Vista was distributed last week for board review and feedback.
 - Dan will reach out to Ruth in early February to get her a copy to review.
 - Still to be added to this edition: an article about Bill's departure, and an update on the amphitheater (benches and dedication date – if we decide upon a date). Will also add a short article re the Grinduro cycling event in June.
 - Target for distributing this edition is early March – so we still have plenty of time to review and add things.

PARK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

AMPHITHEATER PROJECT:

- The cherry wood for the benches have completed the 2-month kiln drying process at Lewis Lumber. They will be sending us an invoice; we will send a letter back acknowledging the contribution to our group.
- Park staff will soon be working on the benches.
- Amphitheater Dedication: When/how to dedicate the new amphitheater; May, June, July 4? Do we wait for the new park manager before setting a date? We will discuss at our February meeting.
- Jane is looking for presentation ideas for this summer. Also may be looking for Friends help in coming up with programs, speakers, etc. and possibly financial assistance (may or may not have budget dollars for presenters).

MAPLE SYRUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

- Jane returns to duty on February 18.
- Jane would like to resume the annual maple syrup pancake breakfast in April and would like some assistance. Usually serves around 35 individuals; and will be outside at the Playground Pavilion. Lisa W. and Lisa E. offer to help.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:

Kyle reported continued growth - our reach is now over 10,700 (adding email distribution list, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

Website for our group? Maybe this year; Kyle recently developed the website for the Friends of RB Winter and could do the same for us. (<https://www.friendsofrbwinter.org/>). Would cost approximately \$400 annually (\$30ish per month). Dan offers to assist with maintenance and act as back-up administrator. We can discuss further at our February meeting.

RUTH R. AND DAVE K. TRAILS MAP REPORT:

- Working on revision # 9. Dan and Dave E. have been reviewing. Is now at 70+ pages.
- Working with Paulhamus Litho on revisions.
- Dan offers to review the next version.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday February 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Via ZOOM.
