

## Friends of R. B. Winter State Park Meeting Notes

**Date:** Monday - 7/12/21

**Attendees:** Michael Crowley, Marci Mowery, Mary Marshall, Gary Kendall, Kyle Fawcett, Brian Brown, Chris Shabanowitz.

### Topics:

#### 1) Upcoming Volunteer/Work day:

- Saturday, July 17, 9am-noon
- Meet at Park Office
- Repaint signs (paint and brushes will be provided), pull weeds, possible pond clean-up
- Wear long pants, bring sunblock, insect repellent, and water bottle
- Kyle will send an email reminder and post on social media
- Others to share with their networks

#### 2) Recent Activities:

- Kyle and Jack spent time connecting with park visitors and distributing flyers about the newly-formed Friends of R. B Winter.
- Kyle has created the social media platforms for the group and is willing to post updates, photos, etc.

#### 3) Upcoming Training/Learning Sessions (Marci shared information):

- Online training session offered by DCNR for a Pennsylvania-specific session on helping our visitors grasp the concept of Leave No Trace.
  - Tuesday, July 13, 10:00am-noon and Thursday, July 22, 6:30pm-8:30pm
  - <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltcOggqjsiHt0v6zVnYndREMGFzH-3pYQ6>
- Informal Zoom training session – New Chapter Officer Orientation
  - Chapter Chairs/Vice Chairs: Thursday, July 15, 5:30pm
  - Chapter Treasurers: Wednesday, July 21, 5:30pm
  - Chapter Secretaries: Thursday, July 29, 5:30pm
  - No registration required - Each session can be accessed via the same link: <https://zoom.us/j/95496952821?pwd=bXc4NGdYcXFDR1k4V1VCbWNaSGRXQT09>

#### 4) Additional Resources (Marci shared information):

- Fact sheets available on the PPF website with "how-to" info covering a variety of topics: <https://paparksandforests.org/friends-groups/friends-resources/>
- Watch your inbox for regular "tidbits" emails from Pam – these may have been going into spam folders, but Pam will now be sending through the neon platform in hopes of resolving this issue

#### 5) Fundraising Opportunities Discussion:

- Firewood - Michael says the current concessioner has exclusive rights to sell firewood but they may be overwhelmed with other tasks including full-time jobs. He will speak to them and see if they may be willing to let us handle the firewood sales.

- Park Store – Currently managed by park staff. There are specific guidelines that must be followed to allow a Friends group to manage the store. Mike will discuss with his staff. Marci will reach out to Friends of Pine Grove Furnace for sample materials/envelope should this be something for FRBW. More discussion needed to determine whether this is feasible at this time.
- Membership – Discussion of whether there should be a membership fee. World’s End does \$25 individual and \$35 family membership fees. Some groups have membership fees and others do not. Some groups have members that pay the fee, but rarely attend meetings/events (so there are financial benefits). FRBW has received a handful of contributions. Decision needs to be made on how FRBW will handle this.

#### 6) Park Events Discussion:

- Discussed existing park events and whether FRBW could be helpful to assist with those. Mike will compile a list and dates of planned events so the group can discuss at a future meeting.
- Discussed SnowFest- which has not taken place the past few years (other than the 5K) for a number of reasons- more discussion needed to determine whether this is something FRBW could bring back.
- Not enough time to get into possibilities for FRBW developed events, but more discussion will come at future meetings.

#### **Next Meeting for Friends of R. B. Winter:**

- Wednesday, August 4, 6:00pm
- This will be a “hybrid” meeting.
- Those able to attend in person should meet at the R.B. Winter Park Office.
- Information and link for those who prefer to attend virtually:  
<https://zoom.us/j/9072815266?pwd=ZndDcE5nczVHQkk2US9Xd2hoY0dQU09>  
 Meeting ID: 907 281 5266  
 Passcode: Fjm6R0  
 Dial by your location  
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
 Meeting ID: 907 281 5266  
 Passcode: 796937
- OPTIONAL: If anyone would like to stick around after the meeting for some social time, we could take a short hike and have a chance to chat and get to know one another better.