FRIENDS OF THE SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE STATE PARK, INC.

 Meeting Minutes---September 19, 2022

WEBSITE: smlspfriends.com

Calendar of Events: **OCTOBER 17TH 5:30PM PICNIC**

Attendance: 21 members 2 Park staff

President, Nancy Galvan, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She asked for a vote on the August minutes and they were approved.

Susan Eldridge gave the R

Treasurer’s report: Income...$1,336.85 Expenses…$$929.61 Net Income…$407.24 Treasurer’s report was approved as read.

Matt Doyle, Boat Coordinator reported that because of continuing boat issues, the rest of the public boat tours were canceled. The boat had a part replaced and it seems to be working okay now. Matt will take it out after the Friends meeting to see how it’s running. Jet may be able to have her Sr. boat tour and a home school group tour if boat is actually working fine.

Park Interpreter, Jet, thanked everyone for their continued help with her programs and with keeping the DC open for visitors. She will need greeters in the Spring for 3-4 hour shifts at the DC…Monday thru Friday. On Sept. 28th and Sept. 30th she has 2 school groups coming. On the following dates she has field trips scheduled and needs volunteers…Oct. 7, 13, 21, and possibly Oct. 18, 26. On Oct. 29th is the tentative date for our Halloween Party, but there may be a conflict as the State may need the DC for a meeting. On Jan. 1st will be the First Day Hike and open house after at the DC.

Dick Hendrix, Blue bird coordinator, reported that we had 12 people as monitors. Monitoring lasted from Mar. 25th thru Aug. 16th (21 weeks). 2022 nesting results were much better than those in 2021.

 2022 2021

Number of boxes 14 14

Nest Attempts 30 25

# 0f eggs 133 114

# hatched 115 99

# fledged 109 93

Dick is looking for more people to volunteer to be monitors next year. As Dick is also the Landscape guy, he is looking to have a cleanup of the “butterfly” garden on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 9:30

Martha Kuon, Trails coordinator, was having a cleanup after the meeting. She is trying to figure out what’s a good day for everyone to participate.

Carla Esarey, Playground coordinator, is in touch with the “playground guy” but has not been able to meet with him and there has been no meeting with the Park staff yet. Carla has sent him pictures to show him what he is dealing with. Carla would like to take on this project in phases, doing the updating of things like dry- rotted swing seats and rusty chains on the swings, of redefining the lines around the playground and have Travis check the spikes that are poking up causing a hazard which could be a liability issue.

Doug Kuhn, will be in touch with the course marshals for the Osprey Race. Remember, it’s Oct. 22nd and we need lots of help.

Nancy asked for volunteers to be on the budget committee, and Dick Hendrix, Doug Kuhn, and Nancy Hughes volunteered. They will meet on Oct. 5th at 10:00am

There will be Osprey race shirts for sale again this year. Last year they were $12.00. We do not have a price yet for this year, but if you would like to be on the order list, let me know.

Don’t forget the picnic meeting on October 17th at 5:30pm. Everyone should bring a side dish to share and/or a dessert. Chicken and drinks will be provided. There will be a free will donation to cover the cost of everything.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Brennan, Secretary