

**MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

Submitted by Sharon Hughes, Treasurer

Present:
Ellen Rugemer
Betty Smith
Ellen Frey
Sharon Hughes
Bill Skinner

Volunteers:
Tom Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by President Ellen Rugemer at the North Carroll branch of the Carroll County Public Library.

No Minutes provided from the November meeting for approval.

Treasurer Report : Approved as read. Motion by Ellen Frey, seconded by Bill Skinner.

November balance: \$3,691.72

December balance: \$3,691.72 (no transactions this month)

WEB site update.....Sharon is revamping website to make it easier to work in different-sized screens, including Internet phone service. In turn, will also make maintenance and any future changes easier and less time-consuming. If works as should, the page should load faster for anyone using a regular phone line to connect.

Public Relations: No Report

Naturalist: No Report, however Sherry asked about the possibility of limited long-distance service. The board agreed to get a prepaid long-distance phone card of \$20 or \$25.

Programs:

- **Christmas Crafts-issue of whether to continue-has been tabled at this time.**
- **Easter Adventure-March 15 rain or shine. Stuff eggs- March 8, both dates are scheduled for 10 AM – Noon.**

- **Spring Fest-**
 - **Ellen Rugemer will contact the band Thursday's Reign and also Don Malbrough about rocks and minerals display and presentation.**
 - **Tom and Betty Smith could do a fossils display and presentation. Need at least 1 month prior notice to prepare.**
 - **Board agreed to have crafts ongoing.**
 - **Ellen R. will come back with 5 ideas for board to vote on at February meeting.**
 - **Sharon suggested a duck race in the stream. Same food as last year. Betty Smith and Ellen Frey to operate again.**
 - **Betty Smith to make a mock-up of a journal. Bill Skinner to design a Scavenger Hunt to be run from the Registration Table.**
 - **\$.50 ticket system to be introduced.**

Facilities:

- **4-wheelers still continue to be a problem in the Town.**
- **Ellen brought up issue of condoms, burnt water bottles and such in the woods. Concerned about the chance of fire and more.**
- **Birdfeeders torn down and burned a week or two after installation. Put back up burnt-birds still using.**
- **Lock-latch on old shed broken. Need a new secure latch.**
- **Tom reported bottles with bottoms cut off and tape around in the thick brush with 5 foot swath cleared to bare earth.**
- **Spray-painted trees, reported in November.**
- **Over the Holidays the locks on the gate were not properly locked back together or left unlocked.**
- **Small sign on Wilhelm lane backed into. Will need to be reinstalled.**
- **Windstorms and heavy rains brought down some trees. A few left on trails to discourage dirtbikes and 4-wheelers, but can easily be stepped over.**
- **New tractor being serviced.**
- **George Hooper took care of turning off the water for the winter.**
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Old Business:

none

New Business:

None

**Betty Smith made a motion to adjourn and Ellen Frey seconded.
Meeting adjourned.**