

Friends of Whitefish Dunes

Minutes 15 December 2016

Present: Don Gustafson, John Swanson, Susan Cubar, Rich Dirks, Carl Scholz, Mary and Dale Goodner, Chuck Birringer, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass. Guests: Tom Pollock, Chris Gritzmacher, Tom Jordan, Joy Gustafson

The agenda was approved (Don/Susan) with one small addition.

The minutes from November were approved (Mary/Susan) with one correction.

Happy birthday was sung to Carl Scholz for his big day!

The treasurer's report showed income during November of \$507.42 and expenses of \$1,376.49. The overall balance is \$28,691.36 with \$23,818.24 held in various reserve funds. (UTV fund, grooming equipment fund, naturalist (2017)fund, and dunes chair account). It was announced that the Town of Jacksonport had agreed to put \$1,000 in its 2017 budget toward funding a naturalist and that the Whitefish Bay Association and the Glidden Drive Association had also contributed \$500 each.

The park report was delivered by Lynn, since Fred is attending a special meeting of DNR staff regarding the reorganization of the state park system. (1) Bow season continues until January 8 and muzzle loader season ends Dec. 18. (2) Attendance for November was above previous year. (3) Contrary to what was decided at the previous meeting, we will have to meet during January so that Fred can explain the new alignment of personnel assignments. This will occur on Jan. 19, 2017. (4) Jerry Leiterman has retired, his replacement is Mike Bergman. (5) The UTV can be ordered, Fred is awaiting current pricing. The machine should arrive in a few weeks. (6) Fred and Rich have put up ski signage. The roller has been run once; John will do any grooming needed in the next few days.

Grooming report: Rich does not anticipate much maintenance need on the equipment due to minimal use last year.

Activities/Events: For the ski event (Jan 28), Lynn will do a poster. Chuck will ask Max if he can assist with candles, Chuck will handle indoor responsibilities. Rich and John will coordinate the spring cleanup.

Annual Meeting: Chuck suggested reconsidering the format. This was referred to the executive committee. For the next meeting, Chuck will bring a calendar so that a date can be selected.

Wood splitter: A more back-friendly machine is needed. John and Fred will get cost estimates. This is not needed until spring so there is time for needed research.

Naturalist position: Chuck reported that at present there is \$1020 in cash with \$1,000 pledged for this project. Thus nearly \$7,000 more needs to be raised. Letters will be composed/sent to groups and individuals who may be interested in supporting this project.

50th Anniversary: Those working on this effort are John, Carl, Mary, Dale, Lynn and Susan. Susan made the report. They are working on a logo design. The date for the actual celebration has been selected as 14 July. Various ideas were presented (pig roast, music/band, guided hikes,) Carl will produce a VIP list of special guests to be included. The next meeting of the 50th committee will be 12 January at 2:30pm.

The repair of the closed board walk was briefly discussed and whether it is reasonable to consider fund raising for its repair.

It was announced that John Rock has resigned because he will no longer be traveling here from Stevens Point. He will, however, continue to be active for some events. The secretary will send a letter thanking him for his service.

It was approved to create an executive committee consisting of four officers and one additional appointed person (Rich/Dale). This will be incorporated into the bi-laws.

The meeting was adjourned for a festive holiday potluck lunch coordinated by Lynn and Mary.

Next meeting is January 19, 2017.