

Friends of Whitefish Dunes, Inc.
3275 Clark Lake Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Minutes of Friends Board Meeting: December 9, 2022

Present: John Swanson, Dick Weidman, Julia Stoneman, Susan Cubar, Liz Story, Rich Dirks, Jim Perry, Adele Douglass, Doug Otopalik, Lynn Zawojski, Don Gustafson, Max Martin, Sarah Stepanik, and Erin Brown Stender. John Bagnall was also in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Swanson at 9:20 a.m..

Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda: Jim; second, Doug. All in favor.

Minutes: Motion to approve Minutes of 11-16-22: Don; second, Julia. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Julia):

- Income: \$8,889.63

- Expenses: \$9,758.40

- Sales in the Nature center dropped off in the last month as visitation slowed. We received some donations as well as a check from the DC Adventure Kayak Concessions.

Motion to approve November 2022 Treasurer's Report: Doug; second, Don. All in favor.

John Bagnall reported on the fireplace in the Shelter. We had someone come out to clean and inspect the fireplace and chimney. A detailed report will be written up and sent to us.

Upcoming Events:

- 1st Day Hike: January 1 from 9:30-noon. Hot chocolate and cider will be served. Commemorative medallions have been made and will be given out to participants.

- Master Naturalist Training 2023: Dates not posted yet, but should be out in December.

- Candlelight Event: January 28 from 5-8 pm.

Old Business:

- Brachiopod Signage Update: We met with Wendy and got pricing for signage and frames. She presented preliminary designs and examples of tactile tiles. Posts and concrete blocks have been picked up. Old Brachiopod signs will be removed. New signage will be posted according to current trail. Signage needs to be installed by June per the terms of our grant. We have some extra funds that will be used to add other elements of interest.

- ADA Parking Lot: This project should begin before the end of December.

- ADA Trail Reroute: Since this is considered a safety and health project, it will take priority. Jessica will be working on final plans this winter to be ready for spring implementation.

- Taxidermy: Our porcupine mount has been okayed by Mike Orthober.

- We will submit an application for a Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Incentive Grant again this year, to either help fund our Naturalist position, or other general purpose projects in the Park.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Susan; second, Jim. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. Next meeting will be 1/18/23 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Story, Secretary