

Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park

Minutes, 28 February, 2024

Present: Rich Dirks, Julia Stoneman, John Swanson, Dick Weidman, Jim Perry, Susan Cubar, Sarah Stepanik, Erin Brown-Stender, Mike Bergum, Adele Douglass

The agenda for February was approved. (Dick/Rich)

The minutes for January were approved. (Susan/Julia)

Treasurer's Report: Income during January was \$6,213 which included some nice donations. Expenses were \$1,749.09. The balance at Nicolet Bank is \$27,946.38. The balance in the Carl Scholz Memorial Fund is \$14,794.17. The treasurer's report was approved. (Susan/Dick)

Park Report: Attendance in January was 4,046 which is 679 less than in 2023, but 438 above average. Ski trails have closed due to lack of snow. Sara presented options for renovation of the Nature Center storage closet. It was voted to spend up to \$1,870 for basic renovations (Dick/Susan). The candlelight ski event (actually a walk) went well. A work day has been scheduled for 20 April from 9am to noon. An update on various Knowles-Nelson Projects: A. Brachiopod Trail, close-out paperwork submitted. B. Picnic shelter repairs, waiting to hear from Door County Masonry. C. Old Baldy, final plans submitted to Stantec. D. Cave Point Connecting Trail, application submitted for \$40,000 (50-50 match). An application has been approved from Destination Door County for Concept drawings for indoor and outdoor exhibits. Sarah asked for funding to make purchase canvas coverings for the pole lodge plus some ropes to support it. Approved to spend up to \$2,400 for this (Susan/Dick).

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm for a scheduled meeting with Assembly Representative Joel Kitchens to discuss park staffing and funding.