

## Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park

Minutes, 21 June, 2023

Present: John Swanson, Rick Dirks, Susan Cubar, Adele Douglass, Sara Stepanik, Don Gustafson, Erin Brown Stender, Jim Perry, Max Martin, Julia Stoneman, Corey Meyer

Corey Meyer was introduced as a visitor, interested in joining the Board. This was proposed and approved (Susan/Don). Corey will assist with social media tasks and Facebook. John will contact Chuck to introduce him to Corey and the two of them can coordinate with the Facebook activities.

The minutes from 5/19 were approved (Max/Don).

Treasurer's report was approved. Sales in the past month were just under \$1,200. Other income included \$3500 from an incentive grant, dues of \$1480 and donations of \$50. Expenses were \$3,146 which covered food for spring work day, expenses for completing the Brachiopod Trail, and other smaller items. The balance in the savings account is \$63,259. The Carl Scholz Memorial fund balance is \$12,593.

Julia presented a proposed 2023-24 budget showing income of \$36,000 and expenses of \$36,000. The budget was approved (Susan/Don).

Sara's park report showed 14,500 visitors during May, above overall average, but slightly below covid levels. She is working to get an estimate for a redo of the native village. Estimates for the shelter repair were just under 3k, higher than anticipated. Approved (Max/Don). \$5600 (Friends share is \$3100) was also approved for repairs/replacement for the front entrance gate and signage. New windows will be coming in July. No update on Old Baldy repair. Talking Trail signage is being developed.

Doug reported that the picnic for the trail ambassadors was a success.

World Sound Exploration event is July 27 in the picnic shelter. Popcorn will be provided, also a drum circle.

Old Business: Corey will investigate monthly speed for Starlink connection at the park to improve phone/internet reception.

Looking forward, the fall work day is Oct. 21, the annual meeting will be December 8, and the first day hike is January 1, 2024!

Next meeting 19 July, 4pm.