

Friends of Whitefish Bay Dunes State Park

Minutes, 22 June, 2022

Present: John Swanson, Julia Stoneman, Susan Cubar, Don Gustafson, Rich Dirks, Dick Weidman, Jim Perry, Sara Stepanik, Erin Brown Stender, Adele Douglass

Meeting called to order by John, president. The minutes from 18 May 2022 were approved. (Susan/Julia)

Treasurer's report: Approved (Dick/Susan). There are some increased sales, dues income, as well as receipts for several grant applications. Expenses for the month were \$1,883, mostly for the annual insurance premium. The checking account balance at the end of May was \$51,354.17. The savings account contained \$40,123.67. A budget for 2022-2023 was approved (Dick/Don) showing expenditures of \$36,000 and expenditures of the same amount.

Park Report: 1) Attendance was somewhat lower in May, due probably to below average temperatures. 2) Hours have been increased for the July 4 holiday weekend. Entrances will be locked at 8pm in an effort to reduce vandalism. 3) Rip tide buoys are installed, these may need replacement for 2023. 4) Rope barricades to prevent driving on red trail are in place. 5) There was some damage to the shelter recently; a decision has been taken to keep the building locked when not in use. 6) The park can continue to install memorial benches until a saturation point is reached. 7) Tractor training needs to be completed by August, after that extra training requirement will apply.

Trail report: none

Trail ambassadors: no report

Membership: there have been a few renewals.

Pollinator garden: Don reports the area is very dry, watering needs to occur when rains are inadequate. 1" per week is needed, also should install a rain gauge.

John reminded members of the Funeral for Carl Scholz at 4pm on 6/22 at the Farm.

The Candlelight beach walk will be Aug. 20 at 7:30pm.

Projects: 1) Brachiopod trail parking. Needs to get bids. The trail section may need to be rerouted somewhat to make it ADA compliant. 2) Nature Center kiosk: Awaiting Max. 3) Old Baldy Stair Rails. Awaiting engineering report and carpenter. Design must first be approved. 4) Taxidermy mount: defer until fall.

Old Business: It was voted to create the Carl Scholz Memorial Fund to be held at the Door County Charitable Foundation. (Susan/Rick) A second vote occurred by which it was decided to defer withdrawals at present in an effort to grow the account. (Rich/Susan)

New Business: Clothing: Hoodies, caps, blankets, and T-shirts have been ordered.

Adjourn (Don/Susan) at 5:15.