

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

Minutes of Friends Board Meeting 9-21-22

Present: John Swanson, Dick Weidman, Julia Stoneman, Susan Cubar, Liz Story, Rich Dirks, Jim Perry, Lynn Zawojski, Don Gustafson, Sarah Stepanik

Absent: Adele Douglass, Max Martin, Doug Otopalik, Erin Brown Stender

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda with addition: Rich; second, Dick. All in favor.

Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes of 8/17/22: Dick; second, Susan. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Julia):

Julia presented the Year End Financial Report along with her Treasurer's Report.

Income: 7,696.25

Expenses: 1,032.14

Sales still doing well. We received a donation for the Brachiopod Trail, as well as donations from the Candlelight Event.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Susan; second, Dick. All in favor.

Motion to approve Year End Report: Don; second, Susan. All in favor.

Park Report (Sarah):

- August saw 40,131 visitors, which is 12,779 less than 2021 and 6,542 less than average.
- Jeanne's last regular season day was 8/27. She will be working one day per month going forward.
- Brynna's last day was 9/10. She has taken a new LTE position with DNR Service Center in Green Bay.
- Sam may be leaving in early October.
- Contact station will be closed starting October, and Nature Center hours will begin off-season hours. Hours will depend on staff availability.

Park Manager Projects:

- 4 flags, 2 poles, and concrete were purchased by the Friends. Flag system installed to mark the no swimming area.
- Wendy Wagner has submitted the text for the Invasive Species Tank panels to Sarah for approval.
- Ski trail widening and mulching continues in preparation for winter
- New signs have been installed at the tall hill of Red Trail to encourage bike riders to slow down to reduce accidents.
- Construction of the ADA parking lot has been approved. Sarah submitted Jessica's plans to Lily Bay for estimate.
- Jessica is working on plans for the Brachiopod reroute project.

Trail Report (Rich):

A tour of trails needed to assess what needs to be done. Would like to do this before the Fall Work Day on 10/29.

Pollinator Garden (Don): Don has added a number of new plants, including New England Asters, Woodland Phlox, and Cardinal Flowers.

Candlelight Event:

- Well attended, with about 350-400 guests.
- Need more volunteers, especially for cleanup.

Fall Work Day: Saturday 10/29 from 9-noon. Lunch will be provided.

Project List:

- Wendy Wagner has finished the last drawings for the Brachiopod Trail signs. She will now begin working on the text.
- Deer Exclosure needs some repair. We talked about adding some informational signs there.
- EV Charging Station: Rich has not heard back from John Hippensteel so he has been pursuing other avenues. He has reached out to Eland Electric in Green Bay and Patrick Nahm of Appleton Solar.
- Old Baldy Stairs and Handrail: Sarah received an estimate from Stantec, which she has sent to Jessica for approval.

New Business:

- Debit cards issued to John and Julia.
- The Friends have three business accounts: Ace, Lamperts, and EconoFoods (Coburns).
- Bob Bordeau lost his source for benches. Eventually he will set up his own shop, but bench orders could be delayed if we can't find another source.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Dick; second, Don. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19.

The next meeting will be October 19 at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Story

Secretary