

## Friends of Whitefish Dunes Park

Minutes Nov. 17, 2016

Present: John Swanson, Rich Dirks, Susan Cubar, Mary Goodner, John Rock, Carl Scholz, Don Gustafson, Dale Goodner, Chuck Birringer, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass, Tim Wick (guest), Fred Viste (park manager)

The agenda was approved (Susan/John S.) with two small additions.

Minutes from October were approved (Chuck/Susan) with two small changes.

The Treasurer's report showed a checking balance of \$43,808.67. Income during October was \$2,605.21 and expenses were \$486.16. The ending available balance is \$29,560.43. The ending reserve balance is \$14,248.24. (The reserve fund is for designated expenses such as the purchase of a UTV, grooming equipment, a summer naturalist, and equipment for the dunes wheel chair). Income is \$195 behind the previous year. The treasurer's report was approved (Mary/John R).

Fred's park report included the following: 1. Sales of October stickers were slightly up from 2015 and attendance was significantly up, mostly due to amazingly beautiful weather. 2. The wheelchair shed has been installed and will be stained to match the office. The wrong siding was sent, the park is working with customer service to get the correct items. 3. Kristen was able to repair the wheelchair tires which had been vandalized. 4. Repairs made to the mule did not hold, the machine is now back in the shed. 5. Some new equipment has been received, a back-pack leaf blower which makes for greater efficiency. 6. Hazard trees are being removed, this is an on-going project. 7. Hunting season is in process. 8. There may be some personnel shifts at Pot Park over the winter while the manager position is vacant. 9. No update on master planning. 10. Invasive species training may be available by the spring work date. 11. New park stickers will be available Dec. 1.

Old business: 1. The Christmas meeting will be Thursday Dec. 15 starting at 10am followed by a potluck lunch at noon. Lynn/Mary/Susan to organize and send invitations. 2. The Candlelight ski event will be 28 January.

New Business: 1. The UTV is now fully funded and the machine will be ordered. 2. John S. strongly urged the group now consider a new wood splitter which will be less hard on aging backs. He thought one might be available for \$1.2K. This item has been tabled to a future meeting. 3. The anniversary committee (Susan, Carl, Fred, John S.) is working on a logo. The anniversary party is tentatively scheduled for Friday July 14. It was pointed out that that is the weekend of the Door County Triathlon which brings many folks to the county. An event coordinator (or 2) will be needed for the party. 4. There was extended discussion about having fewer meetings during 2017 (probably every other month) but this was tabled until December.

The resignation of Brian Penchoff was reluctantly accepted due to work/family commitments. He will, however, continue to manage the face book site. We all thank Brian and his wife, for their enthusiastic involvement over the years.

A change to the bi-laws was voted upon. Electronic participation will be permitted, if the person voting is actually present during the deliberations. (Dale/Susan) There was discussion about an executive committee which could make decisions when something occurs between meetings. No decision was taken, but deferred to the next meeting.

Adjourned at 6:08pm

Next meeting Dec. 15 at 10am to be followed by a holiday luncheon.