

Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park
Annual Meeting Minutes – Saturday, September 23, 2017; 10 a.m.
Nature Center Auditorium

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Lynn Zawojski.
2. BOD Members present: Lynn Zawojski, Mary Goodner, Dale Goodner, Susan Cubar, John Swanson, Don Gustafson. Also present: Erin Brown from Potawatomi SP; Friends members: Deana Swanson, Tom Jordan, Dona Anderson, and Joanne Dukes.
3. **Agenda** was approved with one addition (Log splitter).
4. **Minutes** from the last regular board meeting on August 16, 2017. Moved to approve: D. Goodner; Second by Swanson. Approved.
5. **2017-18 Budget.** Moved to approve: Swanson. Second by D. Goodner. Approved.
6. **Park Report.** Erin Brown gave the report in Fred Viste's absence. Summary: Slight increase in attendance this year over last year; roofing and gutters completed on nature center and shelter; plan to replace/repair decking on overlook; master plan will be done on a regional basis, not by individual property; the recent recreation opportunities analysis will feed into the master plan. *Dunes Work Day is Saturday, October 21.*
7. **Old Business**
 - **Report on the 50th Anniversary**
 - **Report on the fundraising for the naturalist**
 - **Report on "friend-raising" new members this year.**
8. **New Business**
 - **Introduction of new officers.** Lynn Zawojski, president; John Swanson, vice president; Adele Douglass, secretary; Susan Cubar, treasurer.
 - **Election of directors for the term 2016-2019:** Dale Goodner, Mary Goodner, John Swanson. Moved by Cubar; Second by Deana Swanson. All approved.
 - **Election of directors for the term 2017-2020:** Rich Dirks, Don Gustafson, Lynn Zawojski. Moved by Cubar; Second by Deana Swanson. All approved.
 - **Recognition of Outstanding Friends Volunteers:** Mark Wiese and John Craig. Swanson will research a "recognition of service" plaque. Next meeting we will consider other recognition.
 - **Proposal to increase Friends dues for 2018.** Moved to increase individual dues to \$20 and family dues to \$40 by Cubar. Seconded. Approved.
 - **Proposal for Kayak Concession Agreement.** Tabled until the next meeting. We need more information.
 - **Volunteers in the Nature Center.** A few folks expressed interest. E. Brown answered some questions. Cubar will get in touch after Viste returns from vacation.
 - **Fundraising for replacing the Brachiopod Trail Boardwalk:** Goodners are exploring funding options through Mike Madden, the Raibrook Foundation, and the Knowles-Nelson Fund. Carl Scholz is doing the same with the Town of Sebastopol. Cost for this project is currently estimated at about \$50,000. *A motion was made by J. Swanson for the Friends of Whitefish Dunes to allocate \$5000 toward the Brachiopod boardwalk project. Second by Dale Goodner. Approved.*
 - **Friends Merchandise.** More Friends merchandise (hoodies, youth sizes, long-sleeved shirts) is now available for purchase.
 - **Friends Calendar for 2018.** Candlelight in January; Spring clean up in April; Summer walk (date change to consider); annual meeting in September; Fall clean up in October.
 - **Log splitter.** The Friends purchased a new log splitter from Herlache's. Swanson suggested the Friends explore selling the old one.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Moved by D. Goodner, second by M. Goodner; approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cubar (for Adele Douglass, Secretary)