

## Friends of Whitefish Bay State Park

Minutes, August 18, 2016

Present: Janyce Beyer, Carl Scholz, Dale and Mary Goodner, Chuck Birringer, Don Gustafson, John Rock, Adele Douglass, Lynn Zawojski, Fred Viste

The agenda was approved: John/Dale

The Minutes from July were approved with a small correction: John/Dale

The treasurer's report showed July income of \$4372.23 and expenditures of \$742.24. July is the first month of the park's fiscal year and income is running \$852 ahead of the previous year. The treasurer's report was approved (Don/John).

Fred's park report contained the following: 1. Sticker sales are 16% ahead of 2015. Attendance is down about 2,700 for July, but ahead for the year as a whole. Taking a 10-year look, attendance is clearly higher. 2. The staining of the park office is finished, work on the exterior is going forward. The work is being done by staff and volunteers. 3. Due to a slight lake level decline, sand shoreline is expanding. 4. The Boys and Girls Club did a litter pick up project on the beach and in the parking lot. 5. Fred met with some members of the Whitefish Bay Association who have expressed an interest in funding the naturalist intern position in the future. Money from these donations is state money and will be placed in a segregated account. Fred will update the Friends' Board regularly so that it will be known how much money the Friends need to budget in addition to the state account. 6. A trail tour is needed. This will involve Fred, Rich and John. 7. Saturday October 22 will be the fall work day. 8. Aug. 25 will be the last day for Allison, the summer intern and Aug. 22 is the final day for the summer park ranger. 9. Money has been allocated to reroof the shelter and office as well as the house for the beach wheel chair. 10. No word on the master plan. 11. After Labor Day the office will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Hours for remaining days will revert to fall/winter/spring schedule of 10am to 3:30pm. The reason for the limited hours and days is the continued absence of Fred who works many days at other state parks.

Point 11 of Fred's report produced considerable discussion. It was decided to write a letter to Representative Joel Kitchens about Fred's frequent absence from the park. Chuck offered to take the lead in this effort.

Old Business: 1. Annual meeting: because there were not enough members present at the annual meeting to have a quorum, elections could not take place. The board voted the reelection of the following for three year terms: John Rock, John Swanson, Dale and Mary Goodner. 2. The Finance Committee reported that the Raibrook Grant has been reapplied for, we have \$8550 from them and will continue fund-raising to purchase a UTV. 3. Book Inventory: John S. reported that an inventory was done in July and he proposes a sale of items that do not sell well. He plans to order more books for the fall. 4. Merchandise: Lynn briefly described new colors and items, more details to come at the September meeting. 5. Water bottles: a decision was made that stainless steel is a better deal, preferably with a double wall. Lynn will order the minimum amount with the fish logo.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.