



Friends of Whitefish Dunes, Inc. Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016 pm @ 4:30

Whitefish Dunes State Park in the Nature Center

Present: Brian Penchoff, Carl Scholz, Lynn Zawolski, Chuck Birringer, Susan Cubar, Fred Viste, Jphn Rock, Rich Dirks, Mary Goodner, Dale Goodner Guest – Anne Rock. Absent: Janyce Beyer, Don Gustafson, Adele Douglass, John Swanson.

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 by President Lynn Zawolski.

Agenda

Agenda was approved by John R/Dale G with two additions to the Old Business:

- National Natural Landmark Report
- Membership Plaque

February Minutes were approved by Susan C/Brian P with one minor change to the New Business

February Treasurer's Report was approved by Brian P/Dale G. A motion to move \$800 from the Equipment Rental Budget to the Clothing Budget was made by Dale G/Brian P. the motion was unanously approved.

Park Report was presented by Fred Viste:

- Sticker Sales are down \$1400 for the year
- Jerry Leiterman (NE WDNR District Parks and Trails Supervisor) retired
- Interviews for Part Time Naturalist Position will be held this Friday & Saturday at the Whitefish Dunes Nature Center. Dale Goodner was asked to participate.
- Fred is helping out at Peninsula State Park. No firm timetable has been set. Please contact him at that park at 868-1941
- Invasive species pulling at WFD will begin in April.
- When weather permits painting of the shop will begin.
- When weather permits painting of the siding of the Nature Center will begin.
- Fred suggested that we have Meet & Greet with other Friends Groups in Door County
- Spring Work Day will be Saturday April 30, 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Old Business

Membership/News Committee:

- Lynn Z. reported that after reading the latest Newsletter, Jim Salsbury (from the Thomas O Brown Foundation) contacted her regarding financial support of the Naturalist Position. Lynn Z. will follow up.

Naturalist Position:

- A motion was made by Rich D./Dale G. to provide a check of \$4,000 to the WDNR to cover the cost of the Naturalist Position, once a candidate has been selected. The motion was unanimously approved.

Egg Harbor Wine Festival in Egg Harbor – June 25, 2016:

- Lynn Z. reported on the fundraiser. More volunteers are needed if we are going to take advantage of this money making opportunity. Mary G. will email the membership to solicit helpers.

National Natural Landmark Association Report:

- Carl S. reported that he received a call from the new regional director Leo Costa, of the NNLA, who is very interested in our application to make Whitefish Dunes State Park (“The Flagship” of State Parks), a National Landmark.

Membership Plaque Update:

- Mary G and Dale G will work with Park Staff to have the current plaque in the shelter removed by the April meeting. A decision can then be made as to whether the plaque can be update or whether it needs to be replaced.

New Business

Fundraising/Financing Committee:

- A motion was made by Susan C./Mary G. to create a Fundraising/Finance Committee that will support:
 1. Exploring and coordinating Fund Raising Activities
 2. Providing an Annual Budget
 3. Exploring and Coordinating Grant Processing Activities
 4. Coordinating Finances of Capital Projects
 5. Reviewing and Maintaining Friends Insurance Options
- Initial Committee will include Susan C., Carl S. and Chuck B.

Programming (For Activities/Events) Committee:

- Lynn Z. reported that she is putting together a manual that will contain information for each of the current events.
- Brian P. volunteered to assist Lynn Z. on this committee.

Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be at 4:30 pm on April 21, 2016. Meeting was Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Note - In Adele’s absence, minutes were taken by Chuck Birringer