

## Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park

Minutes 19 May 2016

Present: Chuck Biringer, Susan Cubar, John Rock, Mary and Dale Goodner, Carl Scholz, Rich Dirks, Brian Penchoff, Janyce, Beyer, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass, Fred Viste

Agenda was approved; Susan/Chuck

Minutes from April approved with correction: Dale/Mary

Treasurer's report approved: Rich/Susan: Expenses for the previous month were \$547.78 and income was \$337.83. Available balance is \$22,512.27; reserve balance is \$14,828.24.

Park Report: Fred: 1. Attendance and sticker sales are down from the same month in the previous year. 2. Fred continues to be at the park only one day a week due to his responsibilities at Peninsula Park. 4. Bathroom upgrade project is finished. 5. Seasonal ranger, Andrew, to start later this month. Matt Byrne, a laborer will be working 4 days a week, summer only. 6. Work day went well, Fred not present, but 20 workers were there some of part of the day. Thanks to Dave's Tree Service for the mulch they donated to the park. 7. June 17 will be the start of summer extended hours which will see the Nature Center open on weekends from 10am to 5pm 8. A Park Management Team met at Dunes Park this past week. This is part of an alignment process which will prepare an analysis of what park visitors want/expect. This process will take several years to fully complete and implement. 9. There is still no concrete date for the Master Plan to get underway, despite having been planned for over a year. 10. On June 7 there will be a meeting of Friends from all five Door County State Parks. 11. Open house will be June 4-5. During this period, no stickers will be required. No license is required to fish on these days. 12. Fred will not be at the June 16 meeting. Erin Brown will be present. 13. Naturalist Allison Bender will start work soon.

Old Business: 1 Membership: Mary sent our renewal notices to those who did not respond to the first request. 2. Newsletter: Susan described some problems, she

will work through these. 3. T-Shirts: Lynn showed current dwarf lake iris shirt. This is a threatened species, currently blooming at a few sites in the park. 4. Wine fest: this will be June 25 in Egg Harbor. This is fund-raising opportunity for which the Egg Harbor Advancement Association will pay for volunteers who assist. A signup sheet was distributed. 5. Raibrook Update: It was voted Chuck/Dale that funds generated from the Wine Festival volunteers will be focused on the purchase of a UTV.

New Business: 1. Fund raising: \$2,000 has been received from the Thomas A. Brown Foundation. This money will be applied to the 2016 naturalist position. Chuck and Carl attended a recent town board meeting in Sevastapol to urge its participation in the UTV purchase. More data (and pressure) will be needed to get this item inserted into the 2017 town budget. 2. Finance committee will meet in June. 3. Annual meeting has been scheduled for July 30 from 4:30 to 7:30

Adjourn at 6:05pm