

Friends of Whitefish Bay State Park

Minutes 20 October 2016

Present: Rich Dirks, John Swanson, Susan Cubar, Chuck Birringer, Carl Scholz, Don Gustafson, Janyce Beyer, Brian Penchoff, Adele Douglass, Lynn Zawojski, Fred Viste (park manager), Carolyn Rock (guest, former park naturalist)

The agenda was approved: John S./ Don

The minutes from September were approved: Susan/John S.

Chuck presented the treasurer's report. At the end of September, there was \$41,689.62 in the checking account. Of this \$14,248 is in reserved accounts for UTV purchase, groom equipment replacement, and Dunes chair accessories. There is no money in the naturalist fund for 2017 thus far. Chuck has created a new account for possible accessories for the dunes wheel chair. Money from this budget line could also be used for housing for the chair in the future. Because there had not been a quorum in September, there were two treasurer's reports to approve. This was done for August (Rich/John S.) and September (Janyce/Don). Chuck explained that due to family circumstances, Carol Higgins has been unable to produce stenciled clothing, thus clothing income is lower than in previous years.

Fred presented the park report. (1) August income was up 11% over year before, and 8% for September. This is largely due to increased fees for park admittance. Looking at year-to-date attendance numbers, August is slightly up, September is somewhat down. (2) Signage at access points is complete. (3) A wheel chair shed has been ordered. New tires are needed for the beach wheel chair, since the tires have been vandalized. (4) Work is needed on the green mule vehicle, but it will still be available for the Work Day. We were reminded that it is well beyond the normal time to retire such a vehicle. (5) Questions have come up regarding the use of drones in state parks. Permission is needed for this activity, the main issue is protecting privacy and safety. (6) The fall work day is scheduled for October 22. (7) Joe Jarosh and Dan Zechel have retired from the DNR after about 14 years of service. (8) Fred will again be on site during November so that the Nature Center

will be open more days. (It has been closed Tuesday and Wednesday for several months).

Old Business: (1) There was a vote to adopt phone voting when a quorum is not possible. (Chuck/Brian). One member was in opposition to this measure. (2) \$1,000 to assist with funding the naturalist position during 2017 will be received from the Jacksonport town budget. There has been no success in getting a similar measure passed in Sevastopol. Some discussion of approaching local businesses and/or social groups took place to help secure funds for the position. (3) Fall work day will be October 22; a sign up sheet was distributed. (4) UTV update. At the wine fest in Egg Harbor fund raising effort more was achieved than originally budgeted.

New Business: (1) 50th anniversary committee. Susan will head up this effort. Others who said that would assist were: Carolyn R., Lynn, Fred, John S., and Carl. (2) Board schedule for 2017: there has been difficulty in achieving a quorum due to travel of members, so a schedule change may be needed. This matter has been tabled until November.

Susan passed out attractive blue folders containing contact information about staff and board members. A good way to keep track of papers, agendas, etc. Thanks, Susan for your great thoughtfulness.