

Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park
Minutes, January 18, 2018

Present: Susan Cubar, Don Gustafson, Dale and Mary Goodner, Carl Scholz, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass, Fred Viste

The agenda was created on the spot since an earlier one hadn't been provided.

The minutes from December 2017 were approved (Susan/Dale) with one small correction.

The Treasurer's reports for November and December 2017 were approved (Mary/Don). \$41,365.25 is the balance in the various restricted funds. The checking account balance is \$24,113.19.

Fred presented the park report. The visitor count for 2017 was 207,763 a slight increase from 2016. Sticker sales are also slightly increased. There has been much activity thus far in January, especially with the good snow. Chuck Biringer has made a donation box which has been installed in the Nature Center office; it seems to be working well. A road closure has been organized for the Candlelight Hike and Ski on Jan. 27, (since cancelled). Fred made an appeal for help doing various tasks at the Candlelight event. A new ranger has started working, currently living in the Pot Park housing facility. Law enforcement is now handled exclusively by DNR wardens; there are 4 such persons in Door County. The winter map is being updated and will soon be available online and in print format. A new credit card self pay machine will arrive in the late spring.

Old Business:

Newsletter. Susan is working on this. Target is for mailing in mid February.

New Business.

Brachiopod Trail fund raising plan. There may be funds available from the Knolls-Nelson Stewardship Fund. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2018. Susan is putting together a document showing an outline of a plan for its replacement which contains a proposed budget and plans for reconstruction. Members who expressed an interest in working on this project are Susan, Fred, Lynn, Dale, Mary, and Adele

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm (Dale/Don). Next meeting will be Feb. 15 at 4:30