

## Friends of Whitefish Dunes Park

Minutes 14 February 2013

The meeting was called to order by acting president Ray Stonecipher at 4:45pm.

The following were present: Diane, Carolyn, Lynn, Dennis, Amy, Carl, Ray, Don and Adele. There was one visitor, John Rock. The agenda was approved.

The minutes were approved with one correction: the Oncell grant request was to be made by Bill Krause.

The treasurer reported that the candlelight ski netted \$310.03.

Don's park report contained the following:

- The kayak concession wants to expand this coming summer to offer paddleboard rental in addition to the kayak rental. A certified instructor will be provided. The weather conditions will be strictly defined. This is not really a Friends issue since the Friends do not have the necessary liability insurance.
- Act 168 (hunting in state parks) will be on the agenda for a spring hearing at Crossroads at which written and oral opinions can be presented.
- The Park Manager position remains high on the list. An examination for the post is being created.
- The camp host is still under consideration. No hookup will be permitted, but it possible this person or persons might be able to stay in the employee house.
- Don suggests that the Friends should think about providing volunteers to operate the nature center on weekends in order to sell merchandise. These volunteers would not be permitted to sell park stickers.
- Don reminded us of the need to update volunteer forms and vehicle use agreement paperwork each year.

### OLD BUSINESS

Amy provided a chart showing book sales for the past few years. 1/3 of the inventory is pre 2009 and feels we should shrink the inventory as well as try to get point-of-sale information in order to have a better handle on our income stream. She would like the entire topic of merchandise sales to be a discussion item at the next meeting. Carl complimented Diane on her book selection saying that they provided an important educational value for the community.

Carl brought up the topic of Act 168 and feels the entire park should be exempt except for the 9-day gun season in November. He has written to Garey Bies on this question and received an answer about the Mining Bill (?). Carl wishes Mr. Bies to be invited to the next meeting so that a fuller discussion can take place.

The nominating committee (consisting of Carl, Mary, Dale, Dennis, and Lynn) presented its report. Nominations were: for President, Lynn. At this point Dennis volunteered to serve as vice president. The slate was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by the new president, Lynn.

A request was made to repair the snowmobile voltage meter. Approved (Amy/Dennis)

A discussion about the candlelight ski indicated that about 300-400 people attended and enjoyed a beautiful sunset followed by a full moon.

One memorial bench has been sold and paid for. The check, however, is more than six months old, so it will be necessary to ask the donor to write another. Adele will contact Max about routing in inscription.

A good look at the bi-laws is needed. Lynn will get a copy to each person along with renewal notices. The board as a whole will study the document to see if changes are to be recommended to the membership at large at the annual meeting.

The motion to adjourn was approved (Carl/Amy).

The next meeting will be March 14 at 4:45pm

Agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted to Adele or Lynn.

Already on the agenda:

Ownership of the snowmobile, liability of the snowmobile

Act 168

Volunteers in the Nature Center

Sale of Merchandise

Repair/replacement of Cash register

Study of Bi-laws

Volunteer agreement with the park/DNR