

## Whitefish Dunes State Park Friends

Minutes 16 January 2014

Present: Mary and Dale Goodner, Rich Dirks, Max Martin, Lynn Z., Chuck Birringer, Judy and Pat Fitzgerald, Brian Penchoff, Carl Scholz, Adele Douglass, Don McKinnon. Guests: John Rock, Don and Joy Gustafson

Meeting called to order at 4:35 by Lynn.

Agenda approved. (Max/? )

Minutes approved with three corrections. (Rich/Max) Adele will send out corrected and approved minutes in the next few days.

Carolyn explained that the snowshoes have not yet arrived, but should be here soon.

A brief treasurer's report was available. The current balance is \$28,578.23, with a few more bills to pay. About \$12,000 of this is restricted.

Park Report. Don reported: 1. He is doing some maintenance, especially with problems with the furnace. 2. The new park manager will begin Jan 28. He is Fred Viste, most recently employed at Hartmans Creek State Park. 3. It is unlikely that Tony's position will be filled for some time. 4. He is looking into the question of a new furnace. 5. Thinking ahead to summer staff, he thinks it's likely that Joe, Sam, and Challoner will be back. 6. Beach bark disease has caused a need to clear all trees along highway and trails for safety. Mary asked about using mulch from chips of dead trees, remarking that a trail near the nature center has been made from traffic along an area not designated as a trail, thinking the mulch might protect the exposed root systems. No complete answer to her question.

Comment was made about the excellent Volunteer Opportunity Promotion Flier created by Mary and Carolyn.

Plans were finalized for the candlelight ski event. A signup sheet for helping was passed. Posters distributed. Hot cider has been added to the beverages available. John and Anne Rock generously offered to donate this. Lynn has ordered candles.

A reminder that the popcorn people need to wear gloves. Judy will organize oil seasonings. Cocoa, if served, will require adult supervision for children. All volunteers need to sign volunteer consent forms, these were passed around. Dick and John will drive snowmobile that night. An LTE will be on loan from Pot Park that day from 2pm until 10pm. Don will not be available that evening.

Lynn reported that the Friends liability insurance will cover for bake sales and food that evening.

Chuck has obtained bi laws from two other parks and several other organizations. He and Mary will look these over and make recommendations. Max suggested that when they have a framework of a new document, this be emailed to the board for comments and suggestions.

The question of vacancy of Treasurer was again raised. Chuck B. remarked that he has some background in finance and is willing to look at the books. He is also willing to attempt to create a budget for 2014. Lynn reminded us that Amy had made a budget for 2012-13 which is the last one the group has had.

A book, Capture Door County, has been prepared by the Door County Visitors Bureau. The Friends has been asked to sell copies with a 35% return to us if we have the right to return. Without the right of return our profit will be 45%. This is a limited run. It was voted (Dale/Mary) to purchase 20 copies with no return option.

Still on the subject of books, there was general agreement that the Stewarts were doing a great job of organizing and selecting books.

Brian reported that the website is set up, he is checking information so that we will be able to sell merchandise. The group needs to have a discussion about how "shipping and handling" will be handled. The address is [thefriendsofwhitefishdunes.org](http://thefriendsofwhitefishdunes.org) The email address is [thefriendsofwhitefishdunes@yahoo.com](mailto:thefriendsofwhitefishdunes@yahoo.com)

A thank you note from Carl has been received for the bench donated in his honor.

A request has been received from Cassie at Sevastopol School to use the snow grooming equipment for a candlelight ski and snowshoe event she is hoping to organize at the school to be held on 22 February. It was approved (Max/Mary) to loan the park equipment if needed.

The next meeting will be Thursday Feb 20 at 4:30. Lynn will not be present due to a planned family vacation.

Meeting adjourned 5:45pm.