

Friends of Whitefish Dunes Park

Minutes, April 18, 2013

Present: Don, Dennis, Bill, Mary, Dale, Rich, Tony, Carl, Amy, Lynn, Max, Adele, Julie Davis (guest)

Meeting called to order by Lynn at 4:37pm

Julie Davis of the Boys and Girls Club thanked the board for sponsoring a field trip to the park during 2012, and made a request that a similar event be possible during 2013. The trip would involve about 45 children between first and fifth grade. There is a possibility the children could assist in a small way with some simple park tasks and a nature session would be included with the naturalist. The amount Ms Davis was requesting was \$137.00 to cover bussing. In addition, and if needed, the \$2.00 per child entry fee can be covered if the work project doesn't materialize.

The treasurer's report was presented by Amy. Income during the past month, mostly from books, was \$284.89. Other income was from membership and a donation, bringing the total income to \$395.95. Expenses were slightly over \$400 resulting in a loss of about \$15.

The checking account balance is \$23,750.82 with about a third of this is in restricted accounts.

Park Report: Tony reported that Saturday May 4 would be a work day between 9 am and 4pm, lunch to be provided. Don suggested that volunteers might be needed in the nature center this summer from Sunday to Thursday because of staffing shortages at the park. Volunteers would need to be trained in the use of the credit card machine and keep a tally of what is sold. Park stickers will not be sold by volunteers. A Ranger, Sam, will be assigned to the park over the summer. There is still no manager, but Don assumes eventually there will be one.

The secretary read a letter from Diane Stracka resigning as book manager which included the information that she had found two replacements, Bill and Betty Stewart, to assume this responsibility. It was voted to purchase a gift card in the amount of \$100 for Diane to be included in a thank you card prepared by Adele.

There was a prolonged discussion of book and clothing purchases and how to keep track of inventory. Another problem is that the cash register keeps sticking and needs repair. We will need to look into the question of point of sale information vs. hand recording of this data. Bill will explore the possibility of a free or low cost machine that might be made available.

Max reported on the Conservation Congress hearing held in Sturgeon Bay which he recently attended. The general consensus at the hearing as well as among board members is

hunting/trapping in the park be restored to the status these had before Act 168. At the next meeting, Bill will bring a revised copy of a letter he has prepared on the topic and those officers that are in agreement with the letter can sign it.

Aug. 17 has been set as the night of the Candlelight Beach Walk.

It was voted (Dennis/Rich) to purchase liability insurance in the amount of \$378.00 from Ansay & Associates. This is one year of coverage. Additional insurance will be needed to cover the snow grooming equipment.

Rich as prepared a sample grant application to the Raibrook Foundation for matching funds for new snow grooming equipment. This will be discussed in further detail at another meeting. By the end of the year, there should be enough money in the account to match the request to the foundation.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:40pm (Dennis/Mary).

Following adjournment , a letter of resignation as treasurer was submitted by Amy.

The next meeting is set for Thursday 16 May at 4:30.

Items for the agenda should be submitted to Lynn or Adele.