

Friends of Whitefish Dunes

Minutes 15 October 2015

Present: Janyce Beyer, Brian Penchoff, Don Gustafson, Carl Scholz, Susan Cubar, Chuck Birringer, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass, Fred Viste, Rich Dirks.

The agenda was approved (Janyce/Brian) after adding one item regarding a memorial bench.

The minutes were approved with one small typo change. (Don/Chuck)

The treasurer's report was approved (Janyce/Don). The balance at the end of September was \$34,158.73 of which \$9,489.72 is held in reserved accounts. Income for the month of September was \$3,460.27 and expenses were \$2,526.43. Chuck distributed a chart comparing income for the year-to-date sales for the first nine months of 2014 and 2015. The total income was higher for 2015, but income from beverages and books were lower in the current year.

Fred's report contained the following items. (1) year-to-date attendance is 24,490 slightly above the previous year and also above the ten-year average. Sticker sales are up 64%. The park was jammed for Pumpkin Patch weekend. (2) He requests we order more hooded sweatshirts, fish line garments, and caps. He also requested that visitors or board members donate bird seed. (3) The wood for the shop is ready to be painted, the staff has been pressure washing the exterior and will replace damaged boards. (4) The deer enclosure has been approved so work can move forward on this project. (5) The second beach access repairs are continuing. (6) Fred and Rich will check trails in advance of ski grooming. (7) The Dunes work day is scheduled for October 24, a sign-up sheet was distributed. (8) Steve Wilke has retired; he was a seasonal employee for 16 years. (9) The money from the Affinity Grant was used to purchase 3 TVs in the Exhibit Room, these are up and running. (10) Gun deer season will be same as previous years in the park.

Old Business: Lynn will request that the money from the Raibrook Grant be redirected for a more appropriate and less expensive vehicle, possibly a Gator.

New Business: (1) Susan Cubar was unanimously elected as a new board member. She replaces Max Martin who resigned recently. (2) It was voted to purchase a memorial bench to honor Diane Stracka, who had been very involved in selecting books and who died recently.

Next meeting will be November 19 at 4:30 pm. The Christmas lunch will be December 10 at noon, preceded at 10:30 by the monthly meeting.