

Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park

Minutes November 15, 2018

Present: Erin Brown-Sender, Rich Dirks, Dale and Mary Goodner, Jim Perry, Don Gustafson, Lynn Zawojski (President), Adele Douglass (Sec'y), Susan Cubar (Treasurer), Erin Demski (park management)

The agenda was approved (Sue/Don)

The minutes from October were approved (with small changes) (Mary/Don)

The treasurer's report for October was approved (Dale/Mary). The balance of total funds is \$78,599.38. The total funds available for the brachiopod trail at this point are \$52,122.35. This figure includes \$22,052 which will be provided by the DNR WSPS Partnership Enhancement Program grant. Income for October was \$3,830.06. Expenses were \$1,978.84.

Erin Demski provided the park report. The number of visitors is slightly down in recent weeks, due perhaps to the rainy weather. The timber harvest is completed. Signage is completed for the snowshoe trail. She also reminded us that there were a number of snowshoes that could be provided to visitors. The project to reduce water pooling in front of the Nature Center is delayed, may need to wait until spring to complete. The manager's position remains in limbo. No word has been received regarding an engineering study for the rebuilding of the brachiopod trail. The kayak concession had 800 users in 2018, a slight decline from the previous summer. The net income to the Friends for this endeavor was \$4370. Stickers for 2019 will go on sale on December 1.

New Business: The purchase of a the DVD player and projector was deferred to the January meeting. The printing of new post cards also deferred to January. Susan has printed a copy of the Wikipedia entry for Dunes Park. Some information is no longer accurate. Dale will suggest alternate language. The slat wall to display merchandise needs repair. John suggests that Max Martin be contacted to strengthen the structure. The Quinlin sisters may be willing to do a

fund raising event for the park, perhaps next summer. This family owns the Mushroom House on South Cave Point Drive.

Old Business: The candlelight ski/walk event is 26 January, 2019. Planning for this event will be finalized at the next meeting. Due to park staff schedules, none of them can be present that evening. John will contact Bob Bordeau about assembling and engraving park benches. The Friend's share (50%) of the property orientation sign will be \$524.00

The Holiday Party will be Thursday 6 December at noon. The December meeting will precede it, starting at 10:30.

Submitted 2 December 2018

Adele Douglass,

(Secretary)