

Friends of Whitefish Dunes

Minutes Sept. 17, 2015

Present: Carl Scholz, Mary and Dale Goodner, Janyce Beyer, Rich Dirks, Brian Pentoff, Chuck Birringer, Don Gustafson, John Swanson, Kirsten Hanson, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass

Most of the meeting was held in the dark due to a power outage.

The agenda was approved (Janyce, Don)

Minutes of Aug. (Prepared by Chuck) were approved (Dale/Brian)

The treasurer's report was approved (Dale/Don) The income for August was \$4,339.45, expenditures were \$1,569.46. Checking balance is \$33,224.89 of which \$10,278.24 is held in reserved accounts.

Chuck asked that the group consider a debit card to be issued in his name so that he could place orders (for example TV sets for the Affinity Grant). The matter was deferred for more discussion at a future meeting.

In the absence of Fred, the park report was presented by Kirsten. 1. The water fountain for refilling bottles (donated by Susan Kubar) has been installed and is working. 2. The parking lots were overflowing on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. This has happened twice previously this summer. 3. Staff is getting ready to stain the shop building. 4. There were 38,549 visitors during August compared with about 46,000 the previous year. 5. Good comments are being received about the long-sleeved tee-shirts. 6. The park staffing has been returned to standard hours, closing the Nature Center at 3:30. During the months of July and August the hours were extended until 5pm on Friday to Sunday. Mary thanked the park staff for the extra hours and estimated that up to \$250 in merchandise was sold during these longer opening hours. Kirstin is not sure whether or not the schedule will be in place for 2016.

There was a long discussion about the purchase of a new cash register for managing merchandise sales. It was approved (Dale/Brian) to purchase a Royal

Cash Register 1000ML along with a package (Quickbooks, bar code scanner, bar code software, printer, scan disc reader, and thermal paper for the cash register) with a total cost of \$1346. This will include enhance inventory control and will save much time once all necessary data has been installed.

CellCom in Green Bay has awarded the Friends \$700 from its Green Fund. Lynn will get in touch with Fred to see where this could be directed.

The Friends have been invited to be a part of the Fall 50 volunteers, with monies going back to the Friends. Because the race this year is on the same date as the fall work date, it was declined. However an effort could be made in the future to avoid this conflict in scheduling, because it is an excellent fund-raising opportunity

The Christmas luncheon has been scheduled for Dec. 10 with a meeting at 10:30 and pot luck lunch at 12:30.

Lights resumed as adjournment occurred at 5:55.