

**Friends of Point Beach State Forest (FPBSF)  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
City of Two Rivers Fire Department Community Room  
Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

**Members and Prospective Members Present:** There were approximately 17 individuals present at this meeting.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Randy Beecher.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Secretary Debbie Timm read the minutes from the October 11, 2006 general membership meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bob Pilzak reported there are 52 paid single and family memberships for 2007. The current mailing list consists of members from 2005 through 2007.

Bob presented the treasurer's report noting there was a copy for review on the back table. At this time, the savings account balance was \$9,225.27 and the checking account balance was \$2,496.85. There were no comments or questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

**Park Bench Report**

Bob and Tim Myers reported that all bench orders should be done by the Cleanup weekend.

**Park Report**

The park report was given by Park Ranger Gene Tiser.

- Gene explained the Park tree thinning process. There is a tree thinning article in the recent FPBSF newsletter.
- The lodge can be rented at a rate of \$80.00 per day for special events such as weddings and parties.
- The cold weather has postponed turning on the campground water.
- There will be three new employees at the park – a front line person, a maintenance person, and a ranger.
- The camping numbers started out good for 2007; however, the cold weather has hindered camping.
- There will be UW students conducting tests to find sources of lake water contamination. Because of lake currents, it is unlikely the pollution is from Milwaukee or other large cities on the south end of Lake Michigan.
- The alewife population is down 40 %.
- Park employee Erin Dempsy has been working on eliminating the invasive plant species. She will be helped by volunteer college students.
- Park Superintendent Guy Willman would like the FPBSF to purchase a blower for the tractor to clean the roads.
- The bike trail will be inspected ruts and for loose boards on the bridges.

- The Wisconsin State Park system is looking into building rustic cabins or yurts in some of the State Parks.
- There will be no dumpsters at the group cabins; garbage needs to be brought to the check-in station, recycling center, or carried out of the park.
- Gene would like to be notified when the newsletter comes out.

### **Web Site**

Don Peltier reported that, as of this meeting, there were 4782 hits on the FPBSF web site.

### **Halloween**

Randy reported that the 2006 Halloween weekend had a good turnout and ran smoothly. There was a discussion about problems with camping reservations for the 2007 Halloween weekend.

### **Candlelight Ski/Hike**

Due to lack of snow, the 2006 Candlelight Ski/Hike was only a hike; however, there have been more families and older people who participate because the weather is mild. It was suggested that the lodge be open and food and hot drinks be available throughout the day of the ski/hike.

### **House Concert and Soup and Song**

Debbie gave a report about house concert at the Gruetzmacher residence featuring Erin O'Brien. Erin will be returning to give a concert at the lodge after the park cleanup on April 28, 2007.

### **SAGBRAW Bike Ride**

The FPBSF were contacted by a SAGBRAW bike ride organizer. The bike group may be looking for a meal and rest place. The Lakeshore Peddlers are providing a rest stop at the Sheboygan Ice Age Center. There will also be a stop at Neshotah Park in Two Rivers. The FPBSF will not be assisting at any of these stops.

### **Health Department Cooking Certification**

Beginning July 1, 2007, any non-profit organization that will be serving food for 1 to 3 days must obtain a \$10.00 "Non-Profit Food Stand Permit" from the Manitowoc County Health Department. The County will be requiring that there be at least one person on site who has completed the free "Temporary Food Stand Safety Training Course" through the Manitowoc County Health Department. Board members will attend the training. It was suggested that any active non-board members also take the class. A list of class days and times was available at this meeting. This class is also available online.

### **Breakfast in the Forest**

Randy reported that the Breakfast in the Forest will be held on June 3, 2007. Leigh Stegemann of M&M Lunch will provide the food for this event. The food prices will remain the same as the 2006 prices. In addition to the 2006 menu, Leigh will provide cinnamon rolls. The FPBSF will purchase bagels from another source – possibly Natural Ovens.

### **Stone Patio or Walk**

Randy presented price quotes from Hofmann Monuments for various sized engraved stone slabs. These stones will be available for purchase as a memorial or "in honor of" and will be placed in the lodge area. These plans need to be finalized.

**Bench Lifespan**

A discussion was held about bench maintenance. Damaged benches will be repaired or replaced free of charge. The bench program is too new to determine how long a bench will last.

**Park Cleanup**

The annual park cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts at the maintenance garage and a noon lunch at the lodge will be supplied. Members and other helpers will be called as a reminder of this event.

**Park Mugs**

Doreen Lahey suggested having for sale a mug with a Point Beach logo. The board will check to see what is available.

**Mushroom Days**

It was decided that the FPBSF would support the local mushroom group in whatever way possible. Mushroom Days is scheduled for October 6, 2007. The lodge will be available. It was suggested to ask this group if they could provide a “cooking with mushrooms” class for the public.

At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. Randy announced that after a brief break, the monthly board meeting will begin. General membership attendees were invited to stay for the board meeting.

Submitted by Debbie Timm