

FRIENDS of POINT BEACH STATE FOREST

Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2006

MEETING CALLED to ORDER at 6:45 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Duveneck, Bob Pilzak, Joe Schermetzler, Mike Timm, Nannette Krause, Guy Willman

APPROVAL of JANUARY MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes were handed out to members present. Reading of the minutes was waived. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Bob Pilzak reported a checkbook balance of \$1985.55, and a savings account balance of \$10,837.35 as of 1/31/06.

Bob also reported that as of January 31, there are a total of 39 paid memberships.

A financial report on the 2006 Candlelight Ski/Hike showed a net profit of \$493.52. This compares with profits of \$364.96 (05) \$139.91 (04), and losses of \$62.44 (03) \$207.14 (02) and \$323.12 (01)

PARK REPORT:

Guy Willman reported that the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer could equal the devastation caused by Dutch Elm disease back in the 1960's. To that end, there could be a statewide ban against bringing firewood into the states' campgrounds, although enforcement would be difficult.

Guy presented a Development Projects list for Point Beach. The list included estimated costs and projected dates for the projects. The major project expected to take place this Spring is the regrading and resurfacing of the lodge parking lot. We have asked Guy to keep us informed as to when this project will begin, because while the parking lot is tore up, we would like to install conduit and wiring under the new asphalt in order to get power over to the trailhead, as well as possibly running power to the islands that are located in the center of the parking lot.

On a final note, Guy reported that the nature center side of the lodge can now be rented by the public for different functions at a cost of \$70 per day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob has sent a letter to MetalWare explaining the need we have for two 18 quart Nesco's. It is hope that we can receive a discount on the price or have them donated.

Mike Timm has been in contact with The Lighting Center about different ways to illuminate the Friend's sign near the contact station. He will check into the cost along with the different options available for turning the light(s) on and off automatically.

Angie has been working on different versions of a park pin, and a proposal was presented to the Board. The Board approved the purchase of 300 pins at a cost of \$525.00. 100 of the pins will have the date '2006' on them, while the remaining 200 pins will have no date. Expected delivery is 4 to 6 weeks.

THANK YOU'S:

Anybody who picked up donated or discounted items for the Candlelight Ski/Hike are asked to give Debbie that information so a letter of thanks can be sent to them.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP:

A proposal was presented from Angie suggesting that anyone paying membership dues between March 1 and April 30 would receive a \$25 Gift Certificate towards Friends' merchandise. Also, anyone referring a new member during that period would receive a \$5 Gift Certificate.

The Board felt that the first proposal could end up being too expensive. (NOTE: In communicating with Angie later, I learned that her intention was to award one \$25 Gift Certificate in a drawing, much like the free camping will be awarded) On the second proposal there were some questions as to how to track referrals, and that maybe a line needs to be added to the membership form so a person referring a new member will get credit.

Angie also suggested possibly giving members discounts on Friends' merchandise. Her proposal was on purchases of \$10 to \$24--\$1 off, and on purchases over \$25--\$2 off. The Board felt that \$1 and \$2 discounts were rather minimal, along with the fact that park personnel would have to ask to see membership cards before giving the discount.

The Board decided to table these proposals until the next meeting when more of the Board members will be in attendance, and when Angie can present her views on them.

SPRING WORKSHOP:

Copies of the agendas and registration forms for the State Friend's Spring Workshop were made available. The first workshop will be held in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest while the second workshop will be held in Rhineland the weekend of the Spring Cleanup. Several people on the Board expressed interest in attending the workshop in the Kettle Moraine.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse those attending \$125.00 per person (\$250.00 per couple) which would cover registration fees and expenses. Motion passed.

ICE AGE TRAIL:

Guy believes that work on the portion of the Ice Age Trail located inside Point Beach will be done in September, with possibly up to 100 volunteers working on the project. Right now he believes that what they would like is for the Friends Group to provide a meal at the lodge for the workers. Since Randy is the one who had been contacted by the Ice Age Trail group, we will have to wait to see if any more communication has been done between our two groups.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 6:30 PM at the park meeting room.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Duvenceck