

**Friends of Point Beach State Forest (FPBSF)
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
FPBSF Board Room
Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

Board Members Present: Barb Schweitzer, Kevin Duvencneck, Bob Pilzak, Randy Beecher, Dave Meyer, Tim Myers, Kathy Beer, Nannette Krause, and Debbie Timm

PBSF Representative Present: Guy Willman

Board Members Absent: Joe Schermetzler, Ed Ashenbrenner, Mike Timm, and Terry Farr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Randy Beecher.

Approval of the Minutes

The reading of the minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting was waived; however, there was a discussion about the park newspaper. Kathy will spearhead the project. Bob and Randy will contact businesses and organizations for ads. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bob distributed and reviewed the up-to-date financial report, candlelight ski/hike report, an annual report form and a membership list. At the time of the meeting, there were 38 paid 2008 memberships. The candlelight ski/hike produced a loss of \$656.19. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried.

It was noted that not all group members are aware that the annual dues need to be paid at the beginning of each year. Randy will print "dues" reminder cards. Bob will mail them to 2007 members and possibly some 2006 members.

Current Issues

Bench Report

There is one new bench order.

Park Report from Guy

- 1 Trail grooming for cross country skiing has been difficult. The past weekend had been the best of the season.
- 2 Guy is presenting a ski clinic for the multicultural club at Two Rivers High School.
- 3 A discussion was held about the FPBSF starting a cross country ski loan program and opening the lodge on weekends. There are some local residents interested in providing some financial support and donating equipment for this program. It was suggested to place a ski supply wish list in the FPBSF newsletter.
- 4 Camping fees have changed. There is now a flat fee for any day of the week. Non-electric will be \$15.00 per day and electric will be \$20.00 per day.

5 The DNR has a hiring freeze; although, there is pressure on the DNR secretary to allow the hiring of new part-time personnel.

Web Site

Kevin sent Angie a copy of the latest newsletter. Debbie will check with Angie to see what else she would like for the Web site.

Newsletter and Newspaper

Kathy distributed a list of expectations and ideas for the next FPBSF newsletter and the Point Beach State Forest newspaper. The next newsletter will be printed sometime in April. Tim can provide a map of the ice age trail. Randy will contact AAA magazine for permission to reprint the Point Beach article. Kathy will contact Walter Vogel for some historic information on park features such as Molash Creek. She will also check with other sources for dunes and swale information. Bob and Randy again discussed who to contact for newspaper ads.

Power Point

Randy suggested putting together a Power Point presentation about the park history.

Something to Think About

The Manitowoc-Two Rivers Chamber of Commerce would like to know what their group could do to help promote Point Beach State Forest.

Candlelight Ski/Hike

A discussion was held about the ski/hike. Considering the terrible (ice and wind) weather and the Packers being in the play-offs, the ski/hike was well attended; however, attendance was about half of that of 2007. It was decided to move the event to the week between the playoffs and the Super Bowl - January 24, 2009. The extra chili and hot dogs have been frozen and could be used for the park clean-up on April 19. Debbie will send out thank you notes to businesses that donated food. The Boy Scout troops were helpful; however, next year they should not come until the afternoon.

Trail Grant

Joan Wiese had a question about a trail grant. Guy will check to see what she meant by this.

Friends of the Friends

A discussion was held about continuing the Friends of the Friends award because some of the recipients had so many plaques, they have no room for display. It was decided to continue.

Great Lakes Compact

Debbie presented a brief summary of the Great Lakes Compact that is currently being presented to the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly for a vote.

Postcards

There are no "dunes" postcards left to sell. It will be decided, at the March meeting,

which new postcards will be ordered and how many.

CD

Kevin has E-mailed a banking institution to check on their CD options.

Fundraising

A discussion was held about trying another brat fry or holding something on trail for fundraising. Places for a brat fry might be Rob's Market, the 310 Mobil Mart, or Piggly Wiggly.

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held at FPBSF board room on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Timm