

**Friends of Point Beach State Forest (FPBSF)
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
FPBSF Board Room
Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

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

General Members Present: Chuck Krause

PBSF Representative Present: Joan Wiese, Guy Willman, and Wayne Duprey

Board Members Absent: Joe Schermetzler and Ed Ashenbrenner

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 December 11, 2007 meeting was waived; however it was noted that the November minutes should have stated that Mary Swoboda was going to coordinate the food for the January ski/hike. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with the addition. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bob distributed and reviewed the up-to-date financial report. The FPBSF savings account dividend total for 2007 is \$83.52. 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. A reminder notice may need to be sent.

Current Issues

Bench Report

There have been no new bench orders.

Park Report from Guy

- Wayne Duprey has been hired to fill the vacant full-time ranger position. Wayne, a Manitowoc County native, was previously employed at High Cliff State Park.
- Park Ranger Erin Demsky and Randy were guests on WCUB radio to promote the ski/hike and other park events.
- Guy and Jim Aasen are putting together a collection of vintage pictures pertaining to the park.

Point Beach Articles

An article about cross country skiing at Point Beach State Forest was published in AAA magazine. A Milwaukee newspaper listed Point Beach as one of the top 10 places to visit in Wisconsin in 2008.

Web Site

Angie Peltier has agreed to continue to update and maintain the web site. Terry is also interested in working on the web site. He will contact Angie.

Newsletter and Corrections

It was noted that the Breakfast in the Forest will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2008. The date was incorrect in the winter newsletter.

The next newsletter will be published in April. Articles are due by mid March. It was suggested to include articles with historical information about Point Beach and the surrounding area.

The Maritime Museum will take some FPBSF newsletters to offer to museum visitors.

Candlelight Ski/Hike

- If there is no snow, the trail will have to be on the beach. At this point, the park trails are too icy to hike.
- Mary Swoboda is organizing the food.
- Randy will take care of popcorn and nachos.
- At least five gallons of water is needed.
- The candles will be placed at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and cleanup will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.
- Two Boy Scout troops will be helping setup and cleanup.
- Kevin will bring his water heater.

Report from Joan

- The FPBSF water bottles have come in.
- Joan has a list of people who have volunteered to help at park events.
- The youth group from Portage will be working on a haunted trail for Halloween 2008.
- Joan distributed samples and information about newspapers from other State parks.

A discussion was held about providing an annual park newspaper. Kathy Beer will head a committee to get articles and look for funding/advertisers. Debbie will help contact businesses for support. The newspaper should be ready by May or June. A motion was made and seconded to have 10,000 copies printed. The motion passed.

CD

Kevin has checked on investing in a certificate of deposit. The one he checked was not for non-profit groups. He will continue to look.

Election of Officers

Elections were held for board officers. The following officers were nominated and elected:

Randy Beecher – President

Barb Schweitzer – Vice President

Bob Pilzak – Treasurer

Debbie Timm - Secretary

Memorials and Donations

A discussion was held about the four current memorials and the donations. The list needs to be updated. Debbie will review past minutes to make sure all donors are included.

Summer Intern

After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded for the FPBSF to financially support one intern for the summer of 2008. This intern could work 3 days per week and fill the park naturalist position. The motion passed.

Postcards

There are no “dunes” postcards left to sell. It will be decided, at the February meeting, which new postcards will be ordered and how many.

At 8:10 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, February 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Timm