

**FRIENDS OF POINT BEACH STATE FOREST**

**MINUTES OF MAY 2008 BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 13, 2008 BOARD MEETING ROOM---POINT BEACH STATE FOREST**

**Meeting was called to order by President Randy Beecher at 6:35PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Beecher, B. Schwietzer, D. Timm, R. Pilzak, K. Duveneck, K. Beer, N. Krause, D. Meyer, T. Farr, T. Myers**

**PARK REPRESENTATIVE: J.Wiese**

**APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of last months board meeting minutes, and to accept them as presented by Debbie Timm (secretary)---MOTION CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bob Pilzak reported there are now 50 paid memberships (20 fewer than at the end of last year)**

**Checking Account Balance is \$4,179.06**

**Savings Account Balance is unchanged at \$1305.05**

**Certificate of Deposit is \$8000.00**

**Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report---MOTION CARRIED**

**Bob also reported that the IRS requires the filing of an 'information return' which updates some information as to the Friends Group sales and income. Bob has sent the required information and it has been accepted and approved by the IRS**

**BENCH REPORT: There are no new bench orders at this time...all benches ordered have been finished and placed. (Dave Meyer)**

**PARK REPORT: Joan Wiese, Park Rep reported that Dan Schuler is the new State Park Director**

**The summer temporary help for the park have all been hired including the intern who will be paid a \$1500 stipend by the Friends Group. Her main work will be as a naturalist and overseeing the nature center.**

**A warden intern is currently residing in the ranger station for a six week period, after which time the new intern is expected to take up residence there for the summer.**

**Joan asked if the Friends Group would once again provide some funds to purchase flowers and plants for in the area of the lodge. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$50 for this purpose.----MOTION CARRIED**

**WEBSITE:** There was no report on the website, but it was noted that the site is up to date as far as minutes, newsletters, and photo galleries of recent events. Angie Peltier continues to maintain the website

**NEWSLETTER:** Kathy Beer reported the next Friends newsletter is scheduled for late August or early September

**PARK NEWSPAPER:** Bob Pilzak presented a first proof of the park newspaper consisting of eight pages. For the most part the paper is filled, but there was some discussion as far as using some other articles that Kathy Beer has prepared as opposed to some that are in the proof. Several copies of the proofs were handed out to some of the Board members who will proofread and give suggestions for possible changes.

**Biggest item right now is getting the advertisers. Responses have been very slow in coming. Bob is going to get the list of TRBA members and divided the names up among Board members. It is felt that in-person contact is the best way to collect advertisers--especially this first year. It is hoped the paper can still be ready for distribution within one month.**

**WIRING PROJECT:** In Mike Timm's absence, Debbie reported that the wiring project in the lodge area is complete

**BREAKFAST IN THE FOREST:** It was decided to use roughly the same menu for the breakfast as in past years. Prices for this years breakfast will be Adults \$6, and children under 10, \$3. It was decided not to purchase a banner this year for placement in downtown Manitowoc. Barb will see about having the breakfast advertised on the electronic billboard at the high school.

**There will be some set up taking place on Saturday evening, June 7 at 5:30PM**

**Actual work for the breakfast will begin Sunday morning, June 8 at 6:30AM**

**LODGE LANDSCAPING:** Nothing new to report. Still waiting for word about design and layout. Joan will have Guy check, and Debbie also has a contact who may be able to provide assistance for a fee. It is agreed that until a design is done, it is not possible to proceed with obtaining possible matching grant funds for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Friends Group agreement with the WDNR needs to be updated and approved. Copies were distributed to be reviewed by

members of the board, and will be discussed, and possibly approved at next months board meeting.

**FIRESTARTERS:** Bob presented a sample of firestarters which were sent to him by a company from Philips, WI. looking to sell packs of them to the Friends Group for resale to campers. No action was taken on the purchase of the firestarters.

**Motion was made and seconded to adjourn---MOTION CARRIED Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM**

**\*Although it was not discuseed at the meeting, the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2008  
Respectfully submitted,**

**Kevin Duveneck**