

**Friends of Point Beach State Forest (FPBSF)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
City of Two Rivers Fire Department Community Room
Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

Members and Prospective Members Present: There were approximately 25 individuals present at this meeting.

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Minutes

Secretary Debbie Timm read the minutes from the April 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 67 paid single and family memberships.

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 \$10,680.21. There were no comments or questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Park Bench Report

Dave Meyer reported that all bench orders have been completed making a total of 104 benches placed throughout the park.

Park Report

Because there was no park representative present, the park report was omitted.

Web Site

Angie Peltier has been maintaining the Friends web site. She reminded the group that she would like pictures from the Halloween event.

2006 Brat Fry

Randy reported that the 2006 Brat Fry profits were down from the 2005 profits. Compared to reports from other groups, both years were very poor. Weather conditions and conflicting events kept sales down. It was decided to try again in 2007; however, it should be on a Friday or Saturday, possibly at a different site.

Ethnic Fest

There was a discussion about having a booth at Ethnic Fest. If the booth fee is dropped or reduced, this may be a fundraising option.

Breakfast in the Forest

A summary of the past three breakfasts in the park (forest) was presented. Each year the profits and popularity have increased. The Sheboygan based bike club expressed an interest in returning for the 2007 breakfast.

Coenen Memorial

It has been decided to use the Coenen Memorial money to improve the landscaping around the lodge. This will be discussed in greater detail at future meetings. There has been a request from one of the Coenen family members to install a lake viewing tool. The Manitowoc County Master Gardeners may be asked for their help with this project.

Conduit Project

Prior to the lodge parking lot being resurfaced, a few members of the FPBSF dug trenches and installed conduit for future electrical and lighting improvements. Recognition was given to Mike Timm for leading the project.

Newsletter

Darla Ashenbrenner, who has taken over the newsletter, reminded submitters that she will need the articles by early December. She would like articles about the Halloween weekend, Ski/Hike event, and the Ice Age Trail as well as other articles of interest. She thanked Kevin Duvenceck for his help with the last newsletter.

It was decided that the December newsletter will be the last newsletter sent to both past and present FPBSF members. This decision will be stated on the renewal and new membership form. Copies of the newsletter will be available to non-members at the park and various locations in the county. Businesses and individuals who have supported the FPBSF for projects and events will be mentioned in the newsletters as well as given copies.

Vinyl Signs

Kevin Duvenceck is working on getting vinyl signs with various messages to use for special events sponsored by the FPBSF.

Bench Requests

After consulting an attorney, it was decided not to make benches for private use outside the park. The Manitowoc School Forest personnel have requested a copy of the plans for the FPBSF benches. It was decided that they can copy the plans but will not be offered jigs or patterns. Chuck Krause will take care of this issue.

Friend of the Friends Award

Randy Beecher asked members to submit names of businesses or individuals who deserve special recognition for support of our group and projects.

Rivers Project

Debbie Timm presented an E-mail from Erin O'Brien, a Madison songwriter who is making a CD for a fund raising project to protect the Wisconsin rivers and lakes. The FPBSF have agreed to support Erin's project and sponsor a small concert at the lodge, community house, or a private home. Debbie will contact Erin to see when she is available.

Nesco Roasters

Ed Ashenbrenner submitted a request to the Metal Ware Corporation for either a discount or donation of some Nesco Roasters to use at FPBSF events. Metal Ware did make a donation of six roasters. A thank you will be sent out immediately.

Trail Signs

Barb Schweitzer is concerned with the lack of signs on the Rawley Bike Trail. There have been several accidents because people are not familiar with the sharp curves and don't ride single file or ride too fast around these curves. If signs cannot be provided, widening the trail in critical places may be another option. Randy will discuss this problem with Guy Wilmann. This issue will be taken care of by Spring of 2007.

Ice Age Trail

The FPBSF were asked to help serve food for the Ice Age Trail volunteers who worked on the portion of the trail that went through Point Beach State Forest. Bob and Kathy Pilzak set up a workers schedule. There was a very good response for this project.

Chuck Krause has walked the new trail and said it does not use portions of other trails and is very well marked.

Halloween Weekend

- Dave and Nancy Meyers presented the new design for the 2006 Halloween shirts and sweatshirts.
- Joan Wiese will print the information for the campers and visitors.
- Nannette Krause with help from Angie Peltier is organizing the pumpkin carving and campsite contest voting and prizes.
- Mary Swoboda is organizing the food sales.
- Randy Beecher will be contacting M & M Lunch to see what food will be available.
- Bob and Kathy Pilzak will be soliciting prizes.
- Ed Ashenbrenner will be getting the pumpkins.

17th Street Bridge

Randy Beecher was contacted by a survey person about the replacement of the Two Rivers 17th Street Bridge. Randy stated that the bridge is an important connection for the bike trails in this area. It brings people to the Neshotah Beach and to the Rawley Point Bike Trail. He would like to see a bike lane on the bridge.

Trail Spur to Beach

Ted Rulseh would like to see a spur off the park bike trail that would connect to the lake. He found an area that would be easily accessed. Randy will talk to Guy to see if this can be done.

New Board Members

The terms have expired for board members Dave Meyers, Kevin Duveneck, and Joe Schermetzler. All three agreed to run again, were unopposed, and were reelected. Barb Schweitzer expressed interest in becoming a board member in 2007. There is currently one open spot on the board.

At 7:55 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

