

**Friends of Point Beach State Forest (FPBSF)  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
City of Two Rivers Fire Department Community Room  
Tuesday, October 9, 2007**

**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 10, 2007 general membership meeting. After an error in the distributed minutes was corrected, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bob Pilzak reported there are 65 paid single and family memberships for 2007.

Bob presented the treasurer's report noting there was a copy for review on the back table. Ed Ashenbrenner requested a copy of the treasurer's report. There were no other 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 there are three benches close to completion.

**Park Report**

The park report was given by Park Superintendent Guy Willman.

- Ron Thiel Park Maintenance Supervisor has retired and former part-time ranger, Erin Demsky has replaced Ron.
- Fall camping numbers have been good with up to 45 sites being occupied during the week.
- Guy thanked the people who participated in the beach cleanup; although, the trash count was small because the beach is maintained throughout the year by park staff.
- The first year (2007) of the public lodge rental has been very good.
- Guy is going to check with the City of Two Rivers Fire Department about capacity regulations for the lodge.

**Web Site**

Web Site coordinator, Angie Peltier, was not present to provide a report; however, it was suggested that the site be updated with current events and minutes. It was questioned if Angie will continue to be involved with the FPBSF web page.

**Park Clean-up**

Randy reported that the "Friends" rented a brush sweeper for the Park Clean-up in April. Having this equipment saved time and manual labor. It is planned to rent the sweeper for the 2008 clean-up. Because many campsites were occupied and not accessible this year, clean-up for 2008 will be a week earlier than in 2007 with the hope that there will be fewer campers.

The “Soup and Song” event held after the clean-up was well attended. There was no discussion about having this event in 2008.

### **Breakfast in the Forest**

Numbers were down for the June 2007 Breakfast in the Forest. Weather and conflicting events were cited as possibilities for the decline. A discussion was held about changing the breakfast date; however, it was decided to keep it the first Sunday in June to coincide with the State Parks’ open house and free park admission.

The breakfast was well organized. Because of the wiring upgrade, the past electrical problems were eliminated.

### **Wiring Project**

Mike Timm reported that the north half of the wiring project was complete. The lodge parking lot islands are done; however, the remainder of the south half is not finished.

### **Health Department Cooking Certification**

A discussion was held about the Manitowoc Health Department temporary food service permit. At least half of the board members and several general members have been certified. At this time, each organization can have 3 food serving permits per year.

### **Halloween Weekend**

A discussion was held about times to serve food on the Saturday of Halloween Weekend. It was decided to serve food for the entire day. Events scheduled are pumpkin carving and judging, costume parade, trick-or-treating, site judging, musical entertainment, and campsite awards.

### **Endowment Fund, Grants and Project Ideas**

Randy presented information about a special board meeting to discuss grant requests and an endowment fund. Several ideas were discussed along with West Foundation information.

Guy presented park project ideas that the board selected. A lighthouse tour and/or an open house was a major focus of the discussion. Other projects and ideas for park improvement included a three season deck, donation box, lodge activity room, and new picnic tables.

### **Candlelight Ski/Hike**

The 2008 Candlelight Ski/Hike will be held on January 12. It will be run the same as past years. “Hapenstance” has agreed to provide entertainment for the evening.

### **Board Members**

New board members elected for the term of 2008 – 2010 are Barb Schweitzer and Kathy Beer. Current board members who were re-elected for this term are Randy Beecher, Ed Ashenbrenner, and Nannette Krause. Angie Peltier had resigned prior to this meeting and current board member Don Peltier chose not to run for another term.

### **Radio Stations**

It was suggested that a FPBSF member try to get on the local radio stations to inform the public about the group and its activities.

### **Ideas to Increase Awareness of the Park and Activities**

- The Two Rivers High School and Central Park each have digital lighted signs that might be used to publicize park events and information.
- The “Friends” could provide an annual park newspaper similar to that of other state parks and forests.
- The newsletter should include more variety to keep members interested and informed.
- Partnering with school groups (bands, musical, service clubs) to host an event to help make parents and older school age children aware of the park resources.
- Communicate more often with general members via letters and phone calls (calling committee).

At 8:25 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