

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
07/07/08**

IN ATTENDANCE: Board: Ted Bailey, Mary Feldt, Pat Hitchcock, Matt Marty, Roger Parr, Ron Rassner, Dave Schreiber, Donna Thomas. Recording Secretary B. Hartman

Meeting called to order by D. Schreiber: 6:45 P.M.

REVIEW AGENDA: Motion by R. Parr/M. Feldt to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: MOTION by R. Parr/T. Bailey to approve June 17, 2008 meeting minutes with edits (changing R. Parr to R. Rassner approving motions as Roger was absent from June Meeting). Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The Board acknowledged Matt Marty's skills in building cases for arrowheads to display them at the Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society and for the sifters that are being used at the Foye Cabin dig and also for cooking for volunteers at the dig.

APPEARANCES: None

REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

PRESIDENT: D. Schreiber:

Action Items:

** Donald Rock Trail Bridge project: Chris James communicated that DNR has approved our request for bridge construction. DCP is assembling the bid package and will get out. Assuming the bids are completed mid August, construction could start the end of August.

** Mt. Horeb Historical Society Agreement: The agreement has been executed and MAHHS will be archiving items that have been found in the dig.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT: B. Hartman reported approximately 20 hours in June. Barb and Pat Hitchcock continue to meet on a weekly basis. The Stewardship Program has volunteers signed up for each weekend during the month. The program has been redesigned to make it easier for volunteers to come to the park and report back via e-mail rather than having to record each visit back at the bunkhouse. Pat Hitchcock passed on business card she receives from various resource people to begin classifying in our database.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING - No Report

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS: Donna reported that the membership reminder notice has brought in 15 more members since our last meeting. Donna is working on getting the database ready to transfer to Barb. There is some need for IT support before it can be transferred and a request was made to the Board for approval to pay a fee for the support. The board agreed to set a \$500 limit for IT support fees.

NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter deadline is the end of August for an October publication. Donna is looking for suggestions for a lead article. Suggestions from the board were bridges and north trail.

WEBSITE: No Report

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: P. Hitchcock

Most of the work by volunteers has been concentrated on Bob Birmingham's projects at the Foye Cabin site. Wayne Pauly has been working with a few volunteers on the prairies, but there is still a lot left to be done.

The Stewardship program has started up again with a small group, but all weekends are covered. Pat would like the stewards to gather information on number of hikers/visitors and park usage as DCP provides manpower support to the park based on usage. Pat will contact Brian Berkan or Darren Marsh to determine how they determine park needs.

NATURAL AREAS: P. Hitchcock:

Action Items:

- ** Eagle Scouts project at Mt. Vernon Rock - Ron Rassner will assist Pat in following up with the scouts to get the project going.
- ** Foye Cabin, Big Springs and trail signs - Ron Rassner has been putting up trail posts and signs and will assist with signs for Foye Cabin and Big Springs.
- ** Some large holes have appeared on the horse trails and Donna marked them when she was on her ride. Ted Bailey will consult with DCP to see who is responsible for filling them.
- ** The Savannah planting project has been scratched as it would require too much maintenance.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS: R. Parr

Roger reported that he is anxious to get going on the North Trail project and has been busy mowing and maintaining the outside trails.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION: M. Marty:

Matt Marty outlined Bob's updated report and new finds with cabin history going back to the 1880's. Bob has been unable to get Thom Grenlie to survey the site and may need to find another source. A suggestion was made to contact Dave Cheney.

Action Items:

- ** Bob Birmingham's Services II bill - Rhea asked that we pay Bob directly from FoDP checking and Dane County will pay the rest. Ted Bailey will contact Rhea to determine who paid the first bill and get direction on payment for Bob's services.
- ** Cabin site signage - The second part of the grant will be used for signage for the cabin site to inform visitors of the sight. It was agreed to put up a temporary sign and Matt will bring ideas to the next meeting for a permanent sign. R. Rassner added that we need to get some signage up soon as student visitors were looking for the site needed directions. Ron and Pat will work with DCP on ordering the Foye Cabin and Big Springs signs.
- ** Updated Maps - Ron and Pat will contact Rhea for a current map.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Items

- ** Scheidegger Grant Update - Dave Schreiber will contact Sara Kwitek with regard to the grant and direction on proceeding.
- ** History Subcommittee event - A gathering will be organized to recognize the older people who have contributed their stories for our future historical publication. It was suggested that we hold it at the Mt. Horeb Community Center. The details for this event will be discussed at the August meeting.
- ** November 18 meeting with DCP - Darren Marsh will attend the meeting with DCP on the development west of Sutter Road. We will plan to discuss at the September meeting and visit the site in October. A review our Master Plan will also be discussed. A copy of the Master plan will be available for distribution and discussion at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Items:

- ** Cell tower proposal - A single tower will be constructed on Malone Road on Grinde's property. Pat expressed concern that having a cell tower visible from the park is not in line with our vision for the park. R. Rassner and Pat will contact Vicki Anderson and/or Ed Eloranta to check into the town rules with respect to this type of situation.
- ** Camille Zanoni, Natural Resource Foundation Representative. - Pat will invite Camille to our August or September meeting to talk to us to determine if she can be any assistance to us in obtaining grants.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 6:30 p.m. Springdale Town Hall

Suggested Agenda Items:

Cell Tower
Park Signage
Appreciation Event for historical contributors
Bob Birmingham's final report
Camille Zanoni visit
Membership data transfer

ADJOURN:

Motion by R. Rassner/M. Marty to adjourn by unanimous consent at 8:34 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary