

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
10/21/08**

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

Meeting was called order by Ron Rassner at 6:30 P.M.

REVIEW AGENDA: Agenda was accepted as submitted.

MINUTES: Motion by P. Hitchcock/M. Marty to approve September 16, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: None

APPEARANCES: Jay Gullixson stopped in during the meeting to introduce himself and meet the board. Jay has recently moved to the area and has been volunteering with the Tuesday volunteers and has a real interest in the park and is considering being on the board. It was great to meet Jay learn of his interest.

REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ted Bailey reported we have a \$19,583 checkbook balance; \$13,000 will go to the grant for the bridge. Two CD's which came due in July and September were rolled over. Another CD will be coming due in November and will also be rolled. Motion by P. Hitchcock/M. Marty to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT:

In Dave Schreiber's absence, Ron Rassner reported that we had received an acknowledgement from Ramacker on our inquiry into the cell tower proposal. A contact will be made to the Historical Register determine what impact the cell tower would have on Donald Park. Mt. Horeb Area Community Foundation - Bob Birmingham and Don Hartman are attending the grant meeting tonight to present and support our request to the foundation committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT: B. Hartman reported her administrative duties continue to average about 20-25 hours per month. Barb has begun data entry on the membership database and it can be updated after the entries are made. Ted will be working with his contact, Mike Krueger, to check the database for any updates that would make it more user friendly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING - No Report

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS: No update to report on membership. There will be no year end appeal this year as it will be done in January with 2009 renewal mailing.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is targeted for late November. Donna reported that it might be wise to change to a Spring and Fall newsletter in a shorter version in addition to the 2009 newsletter which would include the annual report. This would be a prelude to our renewal mailing. Three publications would be sent each year

WEBSITE: The website has a new look and the board and contact lists have been updated. Check it out.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: P. Hitchcock

Volunteers have been clearing logs from the Savannah. Many have been working with Bob and Matt at the Foye cabin. There are lots of odd jobs to finish up this fall. MFR has been treated and volunteers painted the bunkhouse. Pat reported on the Blue Bird report that she received from Ray Glew. We had a good year for bluebirds as we put in all new houses last fall. The numbers were increased over 2007.

NATURAL AREAS: P. Hitchcock

Ruts need to be filled along the creek trail. Brian Berken is getting the material to fill.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS:

Ted reported that the north trails are ready and look nice, but are changed from the initial plan. Roger is working on signage. The seeding is done and they will be ready to open in the spring. Dick Black and Pat Hitchcock were out on the trails looking for possible campsites.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION:

Matt Marty reported that Bob Birmingham will continue working this fall and volunteering his time. Excavation is being done on the inside of the cabin site and the walls are being repaired and wash stone is being filled in to avoid freezing. The land around the foundation is changing and a berm has been built to prevent erosion. Logs have been cleared from the little spring. Some clues for when remodeling could have been done have been found as a stepping stone into the house revealed a signature and date. And, with Matt's recent discovery of a knifepoint; Bob thinks there may be another Native American site in the area besides the one discovered at Pop's Knoll.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Item:

**Scheidegger Grant Update - Tom Woods visited the park on Sunday, October 19th and was very impressed with the park. He plans to schedule a retreat to share his ideas and work with our contacts to design the interpretive plan. Sara Kwitek approved our request to fund the park's interpretive plan with both actual dollars and in-kind volunteer hours. A motion was made by M. Marty/M. Feldt to go ahead with the Scheidegger grant and a request for \$17,500; one-half of funds from in-kind and one-half to be from grants and other sources. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item:

** History Subcommittee event - The Historical Social has been scheduled for Sunday, October 26th 2:00 - 4:30 PM. Barb has sent invitations and will be calling all the guests who haven't responded to the RSVP. Pat has coordinated the agenda for the program and Barb will coordinate the brownies and ice cream and all the details with the Senior Center.

Action Item:

** November 18 meeting with DCP - A review of the Master Plan will be done at the November meeting. Copies of the Master Plan were distributed and Ron asked everyone to review pages 30-33. Pat will get an updated map from the county. We need to be prepared to give them our input and to decide our priorities.

Foye Cabin Update - We've done all the major work we can do this year and will continue next year and it may go into the summer of 2009. Mary Feldt will make contact with the Dane County Transition School to get kids to help out with the project as part of their curriculum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item:

** Board Member Recruitment - Jay Gullixson visited the meeting as our first possible new board member. Pat and Barb will update the new board member packet

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS: None

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 6:30 p.m. Springdale Town Hall Meeting will be with Dane County

Suggested Agenda Items:

Old Business:

Master Plan Discussion
Historical Appreciation Event October 26
Scheidegger Grant Decision
Cell Tower Update

New Business:

Board Member Recruitment (4)

ADJOURN:

Motion by T. Bailey/M. Feldt to adjourn by unanimous consent at 8:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary