

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
04/21/09**

IN ATTENDANCE: Board: Mary Feldt, Jay Gullixson, Pat Hitchcock, Matt Marty, Roger Parr, Vickie Peterson, Ron Rassner, Merry Ross, Pat Schultz. Recording Secretary B. Hartman

Meeting was called order by President Roger Parr 6:37 P.M.

REVIEW AGENDA: Motion by R. Rassner/M. Feldt to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Motion by M. Marty/M. Feldt to accept March 17, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Gene and Donna Woller provided the food for the burn at Donald Park on Saturday, April 11. Barb will send a thank you and donor recognition letter. A motion by R. Parr/M. Ross to purchase a gift certificate from the Mt. Horeb Chamber of Commerce for Jacob and Nina Mills for program MC's at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event.

APPEARANCES: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT: NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

PRESIDENT: Roger Parr remarked that DCP still owes us the update on our Master Plan. Roger will make contact with DCP to find out the status of the update. Roger also reported that he is still considering having a pamphlet type handout at the kiosks with our trails and information on Donald Park. The Donald Rock trail will be named the Preachers Cap Trail.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING - No Report

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS: 129 members have renewed to date. Discussion followed on how we should increase our membership by setting some goals and creating ways to make Donald Park more visible.

MEMBERSHIP DATA TRANSFER:

Action Item: The plan is still to transfer our data base to Quik Books. At this time Barb and Vickie will be the only people to access the database. Access for additional board members will be put on hold at this time.

NEWSLETTER: No Report

WEBSITE: Roger would like to see our pamphlet put on the website. Please refer to the website calendar for future events and work dates at the park. Barb will send the project schedule to Megan to post on the website.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Jay Gullixson

Even though we've had a lot of rain and cancellations, a lot of projects are getting completed. A schedule was developed of projects that need to be accomplished through July. The Tuesday volunteers will follow the schedule as much as possible but will be flexible to change incase of inclement weather. The eagle scouts camped and worked at Donald Park April 18 and 19th clearing along Deer Creek.

Action Item: Jay will meet with Wayne Pauly to discuss other projects that can be added to the schedule. The goal is to organize mini groups and have a lead person to coordinate the projects for the day. Rhea Stangel-Maier will work with Jay to refer groups to Donald Park. The tools have been inventoried and a list has been created. Farm & Fleet in Verona has offered to donate tools that we may need.

NATURAL AREAS:

Action Item: MFR and Garlic Mustard will be ready to treat/pull. Blackhawk Church will be sending a group of volunteers on Sunday, May 3rd from 8:00am - 12:00 noon and they will pull Garlic Mustard and whatever needs to be done. Kiosks need updated materials.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS: Roger Parr

Action Item:

Roger reported the horse group had their first work day and put in the new posts. The county needs to get new trail posts. Roger will fix the signs that need repair. A new trail will be cut at Bill Haak's property to cut across to the outside trails. The Lehnherr property is being sold and we are hoping we can still access our trails from the property. Contact will be made with Glenn Reynolds to determine if we can continue accessing our trails from his property. The new trails will be open June 15.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION: Matt Marty

Action Item:

Matt Marty reported that Bob Birmingham will be working at the park May 1st-3rd and also May 8th-10th reconstructing the Foye Cabin wall and also begin to survey the fields and trails behind Donald Rock. In June and July we will be using the second grant to search other sites for Clovis points. A meeting of the Historical Committee is scheduled for May 18th to plan future work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Item:

**Scheidegger Grant Update - Ron Rassner and Dave Schreiber met with Tom Woods to discuss our schedule for implementing the interpretive plan. The proposal is expected to be approved by the County Board by the end of May. Tom Woods suggested we plan our retreat February-March of 2010 and follow up with site visits. Ron Rassner will be taking a year off and moving to California to be with his daughter. Dave Schreiber will continue to stay involved. Merry Ross will assist with the interpretive plan project.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Action Item

**Committee Restructuring - Changes were made upon the recommendations from Pat Hitchcock and final copy will be distributed at the May meeting. Committee assignments were discussed and the following assignments were accomplished: Budget and Finance, President, Roger Parr; Vice President Merry Ross; Treasurer, Vickie Peterson and Mary Feldt - Fundraising. Membership and Communications: Donna Thomas and Mary Feldt. Volunteer Coordination and Natural Areas: Jay Gullixson. Facilities: Matt Marty- Liaison. Equestrian Trails Development and Management: Roger Parr and Pat Schultz. Education and Interpretation: Merry Ross. Archaeology, Geology and Cultural - Matt Marty.

**New Board Members - New board members were given a copy of the Master Plan.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS: NONE

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, May, 19, 2009 6:30 p.m. at Springdale Town Hall.

Suggested Agenda Items:

Father's Day Picnic

Dream Projects - Board members bring suggestions for projects and goals

Fundraising

ADJOURN:

Motion by M. Ross/M. Marty to adjourn by unanimous consent at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary