

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
06/17/08**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Board: Mary Feldt, Pat Hitchcock, Matt Marty, Ron Rassner, Dave Schreiber. Hosts: Vicki and Conrad Anderson. Recording Secretary B. Hartman

Meeting called to order by D. Schreiber: 7:02 P.M. The poolside meeting was held at Vicki and Conrad Anderson's home.

**REVIEW AGENDA:** Agenda approved.

**MINUTES:** MOTION by R. Rassner/M. Feldt to approve May 20, 2008 meeting minutes with edits (i.e. Funding for bridge projects will be applied as follows: Dane County \$30,000, FoDP \$15,000, Scheidegger Funds.) Motion carried unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Barb will send a thank you to Jacob and Nina Mills for organizing the Father's Day Picnic and to Jim Keip for suggesting the kids take part in hand painting on Roger and Leslie's horses.

**APPEARANCES:** Bob Birmingham was invited but was unable to attend due to another meeting obligation.

**REPORTS**

**SECRETARY REPORT:** No Report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Report.

**PRESIDENT:** D. Schreiber:

Action Items:

\*\* Donald Rock Trail Bridge project: Dave reported that all permits are in, and DCP is moving forward with the design. Assuming the bidding starts July 1st, scheduled construction could begin around August 15<sup>th</sup>. The DCP Board approved the use of Scheidegger Trust funds for the bridges. The county still has to install the culverts. Decking and railings are the responsibility of Donald Park. We will make this a fall project.

\*\* Fall Board meeting with DCP: The fall board meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> and Darren Marsh will attend to discuss our master plan. FoDP board may plan to meet at 5:30 prior to the meeting to discuss and prepare. We will also devote the October Board meeting to our review so we will be prepared with questions. Items for review will be a Group Camp Lodge, parking area, whether to put in rental cabin(s) and Knoll picnic area/hiking trails.

\*\* Mt. Horeb Historical Society Agreement: The agreement is currently being circulated and to date Darren Marsh has signed and Ted Bailey has signed on behalf of FoDP. Brian Bigler requested that the name be corrected to read Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT:** B. Hartman reported approximately 20 hours in May. Barb and Pat Hitchcock continue to meet on a weekly basis. Communication has been sent to Tuesday and Saturday volunteers in an attempt to get the Stewardship Program going again. We have every weekend during the month covered with returning volunteers but would like to have more interest and coverage.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING** - No Report

**MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS:** Donna sent in her report stating that we currently have 113 members and are hoping to add members with the renewal reminder mailing. Donna sent thank yous for membership renewal.

**NEWSLETTER:** D. Thomas was unable to attend but sent her report. The Spring/Summer newsletter went out early June and was mailed to 206 members/volunteers. Next newsletter is scheduled for fall and hopefully will have an article covering the Foye Cabin excavation project.

**WEBSITE:** No Report

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** P. Hitchcock

Pat sent her report via e-mail prior to meeting. Volunteers have trimmed the weeds left of the Oaks at Pop's Knoll. Joyce Powers offered savannah forbs plants for sale and Mary Spaay and other garden club members will plant them. Mary is negotiating a reasonable sale price for the plants. We will need about 320 plants for the project.

**NATURAL AREAS:** P. Hitchcock:

Action Items:

- \*\* The Eagle Scouts are working with Wayne Pauly to coordinate building the look out at the top of Mt. Vernon Rock.
- \*\* Getting the Eagle Scout project launched for accessible fishing pier.
- \*\* Volunteers will be putting up signs on the Spring trail. A volunteer is needed to put in the wooden posts at the beginning and end of the trail. Ron Rassner volunteered to put in the posts.
- \*\* Work on the Foye Cabin excavation site will take most of the volunteer time through the end of June.

**EQUESTRIAN TRAILS:** No Report

**EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION:** M. Marty:

Matt Marty reported that volunteers are continuing to clear the area by the Foye Cabin to find any out buildings. Bob Birmingham is doing systematic core sampling to find privies. The clearing is done so they can probe for core sampling and change in layers determines if there is something besides natural layers. The test pits uncovered pieces of plates and coffee cups near the stove area. Matt indicated a need for more volunteers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Action Items

- \*\* Scheidegger Grant Update - Dave Schreiber will coordinate a meeting with Sara Kwitek to review the content of the grant and direction on proceeding.
- \*\* Park gate closing arrangements - Mary Klopotic and family have now taken over the responsibility of opening and closing the park gate.
- \*\* Transferring membership and volunteer data to Barb - Donna sent her report stating that she and Chet are preparing the data base for the transfer.
- \*\* Fathers Day Picnic - Discussion followed on starting to advertise for the picnic earlier next year and expand to more local papers and follow up with an article after the picnic on the uniqueness of the event and our cultural them.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS:** Motion by R. Rassner/M. Feldt to approve outstanding bills totaling \$725.35. Carried unanimously.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Monday, July 7, 2008 6:30 p.m. Springdale Town Hall

Suggested Agenda Items:

Recognition event for all of the local people interviewed for our historical publication.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by P. Hitchcock/M. Marty to adjourn by unanimous consent at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary