

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
05/19/09**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Board: Pat Hitchcock, Matt Marty, Roger Parr, Vickie Peterson, Merry Ross, Pat Schultz. Recording Secretary B. Hartman

Meeting was called order by President Roger Parr 7:30 P.M.

**REVIEW AGENDA:** Motion by M. Ross/V. Peterson to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** Motion by P. Schultz/M. Ross to accept April 21, 2009 meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Kim Hegstrom and nine volunteers did Hiway clean up on Hwy 92 from Town Hall Road to Donald Rock. Vickie Davis, Bud Larson's niece, has made a \$350 donation from Bud's memorial to be put toward the horse trails. A thank you/memorial card will be sent to Vickie. Roger Parr asked that we send a get well card to Cathy Helgeson who has been ill.

**APPEARANCES:** At 6:30 P.M. Darren Marsh from Dane County Parks presented at an informational Meeting the Proposed Donald Park Wildlife Area which was identified in the 2005 Park Master Plan.

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE

**REPORTS**

**SECRETARY REPORT:** NONE

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** NONE

**PRESIDENT:** Darren Marsh will be coming out to the park to show us the areas designated to clean out and plant in conjunction with our Master Plan.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT:** NONE

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS:** Donna sent her report via email as she was unable to attend. Our membership is currently at 130. Our low rate of attrition is very good for a non-profit organization. Mary Feldt is now involved on the membership committee and will help develop plans to increase membership. One suggestion would be to invite Mt. Horeb businesses to take out a business membership.

**MEMBERSHIP DATA TRANSFER:** NONE

**NEWSLETTER:** The next newsletter is planned for early June, hopefully in time to advertise the Father's Day Picnic. Merry Ross volunteered to assist on the editorial board for the newsletter and also with Park Guide. A suggestion was to obtain emails from members so that we could send the newsletter via email.

**WEBSITE:** NONE

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:** Pat Hitchcock

A new plan has been developed for scouts and other groups where they will contact Barb and she will in turn forward their request on to Rhea for the necessary permits. Barb will send out the necessary volunteer release forms and forward their request to Jay and Matt who will determine what projects need to be done. Barb will make sure a First Aid Kit is sent with the groups.

**NATURAL AREAS:**

Lots of Garlic Mustard has been pulled and MFR sprayed. Wayne Pauly delivered seeds that will be planted in the prairie, savannah and wet areas that haven't done well. Cub scouts from Rockford cleaned out the Savannah area. Mt. Horeb 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders under the direction of Mary Spaay will visit the park June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Action Item: A suggestion for the Eagle Scouts would be to build map holders for money to be deposited. The donations would be used for trail maintenance.

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**EQUESTRIAN TRAILS:** Roger Parr

Action Item:  
Roger will have a work day to set posts by Town Hall road and clear trees at G.

**EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION:** Matt Marty

Action Item:  
A meeting of the Historical and Cultural committee was held on Monday, May 18. Mike Coffey put together a book that describes the entire project and information on the second half of the budget. Matt Marty reported that Bob Birmingham will be working at the park all of June beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday through Sunday each week. The projects will include reconstruction of cabin wall and test excavations at two sites at Pop's Knoll.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Action Item:  
\*\*Scheidegger Grant Update - Merry Ross will be in contact with Ron Rassner to update us on any changes or the interpretive plan project.  
\*\*Cell Tower Update - The meeting of the Town of Springdale Plan Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 6:30 PM to discuss the cell tower proposal. Meeting information has been forwarded to all of the Donald Park volunteers and the Board.  
\*\*Kiosk Updates: Barb will update the kiosk on Memorial Day weekend. Merry Ross offered that her husband, David Ward is interested in putting together photos for the kiosk and welcomes anyone to send him photos.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*\*Action Item  
\*\*Master Plan Updates - Darren Marsh has marked areas in the Maples for clearing and other areas near the proposed campgrounds.  
\*\*Bob Birmingham's June Schedule - Weekly communications will be sent to all archeological volunteers and others with Bob's schedule and to solicit workers.  
\*\*Father's Day Picnic - Nina sent a proposal of ideas for the annual Father's Day Picnic. A motion was made by Merry Ross/Vickie Peterson to advance an amount up to \$200 for the activities and after the picnic will offer a payment to Nina for her work from monies received from sale of hot dogs etc.  
\*\*Cross Plains State Bank - The State Bank of Cross Plains has expressed interest in doing another project at Donald Park. Matt Marty suggested building a small overlook at the Little Spring and Roger suggested constructing two hitching rails. Matt will consult with Chris James on the design of the overlook.

\*\*Mary Feldt's Letter - Mary Feldt sent a letter with suggestions for camping opportunities at Donald Park. Her suggestions will be discussed at a later date based on DCP's final approval of camping facilities.

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\*\*Historical Approval - Matt Marty there is a desire to have signage at the Foye Cabin site. Approximately four signs are proposed with a picture and verbiage describing the site. Matt will consult with Chris James from DCP on the proposed signage, size/material/content and report back. A motion was made by M.Ross/V. Peterson for preliminary approval pending the final draft approval by DCP. Motion carried unanimously.

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**REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS: NONE**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 6:30 p.m. at Springdale Town Hall.

Suggested Agenda Items:

Father's Day Picnic  
Matt's policy on Artifacts  
Horse Trails - Sportsman Club Trail

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by M. Ross/M. Marty to adjourn by unanimous consent at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary