

**MINUTES-FRIENDS OF DONALD PARK, INC. MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
03/17/09**

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

Meeting was called order by Dave Schreiber 6:40 P.M.

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

MINUTES: Motion by R. Hitchcock/R. Parr to accept February 17, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: NONE

APPEARANCES: New board nominees: Vickie Peterson & Pat Schultz to observe meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

PRESIDENT: Dave Schreiber reported that new maps are on the DCP work agenda for early May. Roger Parr suggested we put together a simple publication or paper featuring the maps to include location of trails and a brief article that visitors can pick up at the kiosks. The publication would be updated on an annual basis. DCP will put together some options for us. Donna Thomas will work with Judy Dvorak to put together a mock up.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION REPORT: B. Hartman sent the second renewal reminder mailing. Invites to members and volunteers have been mailed for the annual meeting and volunteer appreciation party. A meeting is scheduled with Rhea, Pat H., Jay G. and Matt M. to coordinate volunteer projects and put together a schedule and calendar of work projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING - No Report

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATIONS: Approximately 108 members have renewed with 210 renewals mailed in January and 35 reminders sent. The first ever Annual Report has been mailed and will be filed to be used as public relations piece. Donna would like to concentrate her efforts on recruiting new members.

MEMBERSHIP DATA TRANSFER:

Action Item: Vicki Peterson and Barb will coordinate the transfer of our data base to Quik Books. Vicki and Barb will be able to work together on the database with Web access. Discussion followed about the possibility of adding access for board members incase they need to retrieve documents.

NEWSLETTER: Our first annual report has been mailed and Donna remarked that we should acknowledge Judy Dvorak for all the work she has done to put it together.

WEBSITE: Roger Parr reported that Megan McGuire will continue to support FoDP with our website. We will be more aware of keeping Megan updated with calendar events and other updates.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Pat Hitchcock

Pat Hitchcock reported that the Tuesday volunteers have starting burning the brush piles at her place and have cleared the savannah behind the barn to Sutter Road. Dave Volkmann and Brian Berkan have been active in helping with the sawing involved with these projects. The Boy Scouts will be camping the weekend of April 18-19 and possibly working with the UWRWA and Trouts Unlimited clearing logs from Deer Creek.

NATURAL AREAS:

Action Item: Premier Coop has been contacted about spraying the MFR. They will be coming to check out the areas that need spraying.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS: Roger Parr

Roger has contacted the property owners who's land we access to get onto our trails. Connors', Ralston's and Bruce Gorman have decided not to continue allowing access through their properties for our trails. Dick Black is looking into getting us access onto the DNR property and Roger should have something to report at our April meeting. Farm & Fleet in Verona has offered to donate items for the park and Roger will coordinate the wish list of tools.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION: Matt Marty

Action Item:

Matt Marty reported that Bob Birmingham is inventorying the materials that will be donated to the Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society. A meeting will be scheduled with the Historical Committee to set dates for field searches for points and possible new prehistoric sites. Matt will coordinate work dates for reconstruction of the cabin foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Action Item:

**Scheidegger Grant Update - Ron Rassner updated the Board on the status of the implementation of the interpretive planning proposal with Tom Woods. The board and Dane County have given approval to move forward on the proposal. A 3-day retreat will be planned to get ideas and feedback from Donald Park stakeholders and will be scheduled for one Saturday/Sunday weekend and another Saturday only weekend. The retreat will be postponed until January 2010 when most people's schedules are free. Ron will schedule a meeting with Tom to discuss the details and what we need to do to prepare for the retreat.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Action Item

**Review Committee Responsibilities - Pat Hitchcock presented suggestions that she would like added to the Committee Structure. Barb will edit and present for discussion at the April meeting.

**Review Board Office responsibility - New Board Members will be given a copy of the Master Plan and By Laws for review.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS: NONE

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, April 20 6:30 p.m. at Springdale Town Hall.

Suggested Agenda Items:

Committee Structure and Budget

Father's Day Picnic

New Board Review Master Plan, By Laws and Strategic Plan

Business Membership/Fundraising

ADJOURN:

Motion by M. Marty/R. Parr to adjourn by unanimous consent at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Hartman, Recording Secretary