

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm at the Loutit Library

Attendees: 5 Board Members

Mike Mazurek

Judi Mazurek

Tom Eckels

Bob Moore

Becky Newman

January 17th minutes approved

Financial Update: Judi Mazurek

\$826.65 additional revenue since January, 2015

2nd Pepsi check for vending machines = \$685.15

Dues = \$130.00

Cans = \$11.50

FGHSP Balance = \$16,277.86

Election of New Officers

Nominations:

Becky Newman for Secretary

Judi Mazurek for Treasurer

Brian Cryst for Vice President

Mike Mazurek for President

Voting: Unanimous election of all 4 nominees

Proposed amendment to the Bylaws: Mike Mazurek

Mike presented a case for simplifying the membership structure down to just one category: Individual.

Given that the current Individual and Family membership rates do not offer any difference in amount per person or vote per person, the two classes of membership are redundant.

Bob Moore questioned whether or not there are any insurance coverage/liability issues with regard to the children under the age of 18 included in the current Family membership.

Mike Mazurek will investigate the insurance question. Pending the outcome of this inquiry, it was resolved by unanimous vote to change the Bylaws, Article III: Membership to read as follows:

Section 1: Any person 18 years of age or older, of good character and dedicated to the purposes of this organization shall be eligible for individual membership upon acceptance by the Board of Directors and payment of such dues and initiation fees as may be established by the Board of Directors. A member is entitled to one vote at a membership meeting.

Section 2 will be eliminated and all further sections will be renumbered through Article III.

Becky Newman will edit the Bylaws document and send to the FGHSB Board Members.

FGHSP Communications:

As newly elected Secretary, Becky Newman will be responsible for sending email reminders to the master distribution list for upcoming meetings and events. A reminder email will be sent a week prior to the scheduled meeting or event.

As Treasurer, Judi Mazurek will be responsible for contacting members to notify them of membership renewal.

Bob Moore will maintain the FGHSB Facebook page as a Group page to foster greater communication among members.

DNR Friends Group Summit Attendance:

Dan Ruitter and Tom Eckels have expressed interest in attending the summit this year, which is scheduled for April 24-25. If additional spots are available, Bob Moore and Mike Mazurek may also attend. Joyce Rhodes will attend.

Becky Newman suggested that FGHSB prepare a display for the event. The group liked the idea of creating a story board featuring both past activities and future projects. Becky and Bob Moore volunteered to create the display.

Forms:

Judi Mazurek asked that a receipt section be added to the bottom of the membership form. Becky Newman will redesign the form.

Mike Mazurek has created a new activity form that outlines the descriptions of activities and the timeline for accomplishing these activities for each of the FGHSP committees. He will send that form out to the committee chairs for review.

Future Annual Meeting:

The group discussed the possibility of moving the Annual meeting from January to later in the year. Most of the group liked the idea of a Saturday afternoon in October, to be held at the park.

This will be a topic open for comments during the next FGHSP meeting: March 9th, 2015.

2015 Budget:

The budget was reviewed and approved. There was a discussion of the funding for the ADA walkway project and the contribution from the State Park. The group's understanding is that the State Park will make available 16 ten foot sections as part of this two walkway project. This needs to be confirmed by Joyce Rhodes.

Proceeds from Can Collection:

The group has been considering implementing a program in which the proceeds from the returnable cans program would be used to fund a tree planting program in the park.

Judi Mazurek suggested that part, but not all the proceeds be committed to the tree planting program.

Bob Moore suggested that the FGHSP could work with local youth groups (GVSU or GH High School groups) to conduct can drives to help fund the tree planting program.

Becky Newman suggested that FGHSP commit, at minimum, to planting 2 trees per year. She also recommended that signage promoting the cans to tree planting program on the can receptacles would help increase collections. It would also promote the FGHSP.

Bob volunteered to investigate with Joyce Rhodes the State's master plan for tree planting in the park to better understand the need.

The group elected to open this up for comments again at the March 9th meeting.

New Business:

Judi Mazurek: FGHSP Hosting of a Volleyball Tournament run by Nancy Wildeman.

Judi's is concerned that the FGHP would allow a potential donor partner to designate how the donated funds will be spent.

It was resolved that Brian Cryst would be asked to talk to Nancy about what she would like to see done for the park. The FGHP could then vote on funding that project using donations from the Volleyball tournament as well as potential matching funds from the State Partnership Match program.

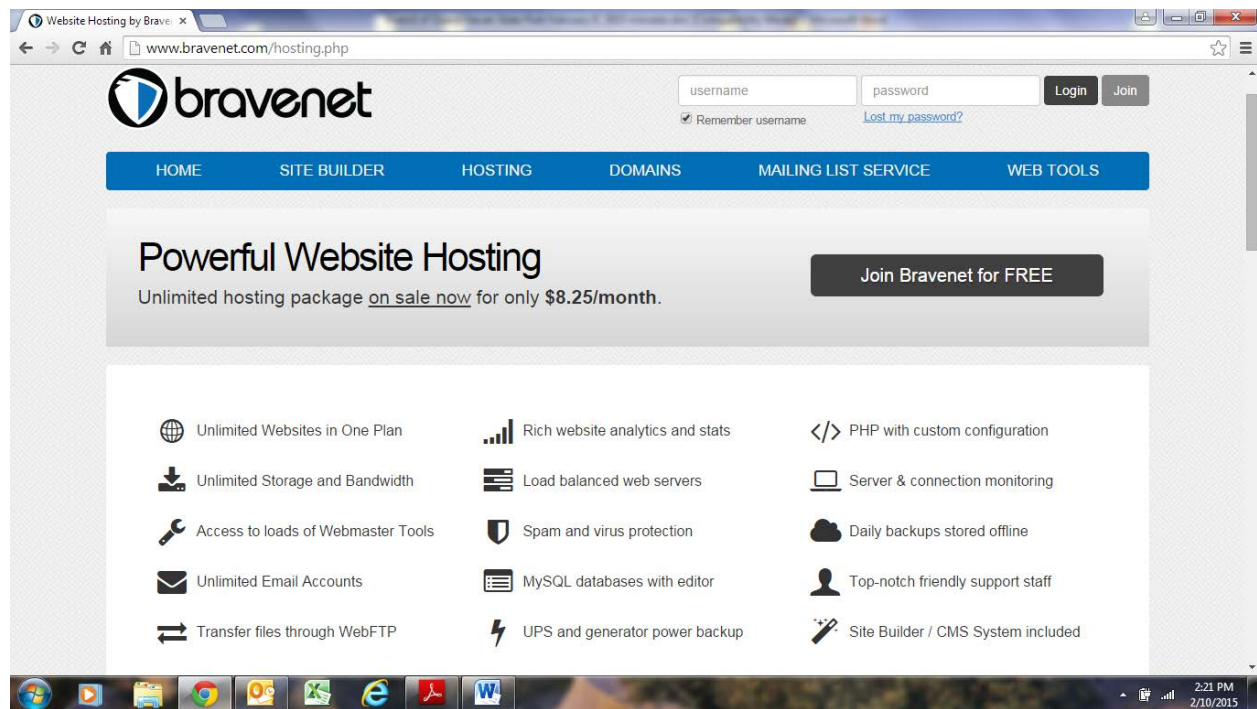
Bob Moore: Magnum Coffee

Magnum Coffee has offered to supply and staff a coffee/hot chocolate and water concession station for the Kite Festival and split the proceeds with the FGHP 50/50.

The Board is in favor of the idea. Joyce Rhodes needs to be contacted for approval and to confirm that a water supply, electrical supply and covered space would be available (Pavilion).

Tom Eckels: FGHP Website

Tom offered to update the website using Bravenet.com. The Board agreed to investigate this site and vote on subscribing at the March 9th meeting. An annual subscription is \$100. That rate would be locked in. A preview of the site:



Next Meeting: March 9, 2015 at 6:30pm at Loutit Library

Becky Newman will send minutes to board members for approval before posting on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm