

Friend of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019



Meeting commenced: 6:35pm at Loutit Library

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike shared these comments:

First, I want to thank everyone for being here tonight and for those new faces out there, if you like what you hear tonight, I invite you to join our organization

The Friends of Grand Haven State Park became a 501C 3 non-profit corporation on October 13, 2012. We have just finished our seventh year of existence. Over that seven years we are averaging 20 paid members per year and there are 9 active members.

As a small group we have some major accomplishments to be proud of and I thank all that have participated and contributed their time and labor to make us successful.

The past two years have been trying and frustrating for our group without a permanent park supervisor in place and I thank everyone for their patience and perseverance

In seven years, this group has raised \$146,977 dollars and with matching funds of \$55,709 dollars from the DNR match program the total generated is \$202,686. After inventory costs, expenses and project money spent the organization has \$41,352 in cash and CD's, at the end of 2012. The first three months of our existence there were \$0 dollars available.

Thank you again

October meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits since October of \$703.40. This revenue was generated by wood sales, can collection, startup funds return, t-shirt sales and a check from Coke.

There were \$700.00 in expenses since October for reimbursement of a donation for a memorial bench/plaque.

Current cash in the checking account = \$15,011.04. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our CD's = \$484.65 (\$53.70 last month).

Old Business

West Michigan Beach Volleyball Presentation

There was a higher than anticipated response for participation in the 3 free clinics sponsored by the Friends of Grand Haven State Park (180 kids vs 150). Because the clinics were free, that resulted in a lot of work on the backend for Pete and Steve. In planning for 2020, some of the considerations from WMBVB are:

Add two more coaches to reduce the ratio of instructor to player

Offer one t-shirt per player, regardless of how many clinics they attend

Only provide t-shirts as other items seemed less appreciated

Charge a nominal fee to discourage cancellations and donate the fee to the scholarship fund or FGHSP

Gather more information ahead of the clinics regarding player experience level

The group also discussed and recommended that clinic dates be published on the campground reservation site and on the State DNR calendar. It was agreed that WMBVB should determine the amount of the nominal fee and that it should go to the scholarship fund and not to FGHSP.

WMBVB asked for \$3580.00 in sponsorship from FGHSP for the 3 clinics in 2020: June 17, July 8, August 6.

It was motioned that \$3600.00 be allocated to WMBVB for sponsorship of the 3 clinics. The motion was unanimously approved.

Annual Meeting:

Recap of FGHSP Accomplishments: PowerPoint Presentation by Becky Newman

The presentation of activities, projects and programs sponsored by FGHSP is posted on the groups website as a PDF.

Financial Recap: PowerPoint Presentation by Mike Mazurek

2019 Revenue = \$17,125.00

2019 Inventory cost = \$4,551.00

2019 Operating cost = \$5,124.00

2019 Net income = \$7,450

Mike reviewed the history of wood sales, which has fluctuated between 700 and 900 bundles/year.

A review of annual vending revenue showed that 2016 was our best year at \$15,000+ (our first year with Coke) and that 2019 was our worst year at \$9,000+. Vending sales were challenged in 2019 due to new bathroom construction on the boardwalk resulting in a delay for placement of vending machines.

Nominations for new Board Members: none

Both Dave Brinks and Becky Newman's terms will expire at the end of 2020. The remaining 7 terms expire at the end of 2021. 4 officers terms expire at the end of 2020.

New Business

Update from City of Grand Haven/Grand Haven State Park meeting: Bob Moore

If all goes according to plan, the Pavilion is slated to be completed by the Spring of 2020. The access will be from the beach side. It will have an office for State Park personnel.

The Park Manager position has been bid out and interviews are to begin in two weeks.

Beach erosion due to high water levels has exposed 11 old well heads that will need to be cut down 15 feet by the City of Grand Haven.

The emergency response zone signs are very close to the water line and will be removed for storage over the winter and reinstalled next spring.

The City of Grand Haven is in planning stages for a Department of Public Works National Memorial to be erected in the area of the old trolley turnaround on the boardwalk.

There is a vendor that is looking at a statewide contract for providing WIFI in state parks. The City of Grand Haven has received a grant for hotspots that can be checked out from Loutit Library.

Other:

Our CD's expire January 28th. We will need to decide on roll-over actions at the next FGHS meeting on January 13, 2020.

Mike Mazurek has investigated bulk purchasing of fire pits for discounted pricing. Home Depot has raised their price to \$39.00 but would give us a quantity discounted price of \$37.00. Menards regular price remains at \$29.95 and we could take advantage of the next 11% sale period. It was recommended that we inquire about a quantity discount with Tractor Supply. Bob Moore offered the Walk the Beat storage facility to house the fire pits.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2020 at Loutit Library at 6:30pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.