

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022



**Meeting commenced: 3:33pm on Zoom**

**Roll Call:** Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Dave Brinks, Sallie Brinks, Karen Casey, Bob Moore, Becky Newman, Andy Lundborg, Arica Johnson, Pete Goers, Stevo VanderWerp, Tim Wheeler

**The January meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

There were deposits since January of \$5,395.44 from the Community Foundation and annual dues.

There were expenses since January of \$2958.20 for the deposit on the first Track Chair and 2021 sales tax.

Current cash in the checking account = \$37,223.22. \$25,692.30 from cash out of CD's.

We have \$7.36 in savings.

**WMBVB Proposal: Stevo and Pete**

West Michigan Beach Volleyball has submitted a proposal to the Friends of Grand Haven State Park to fund two youth volleyball clinics in the summer of 2022 at Grand Haven State Park. The dates will be June 16<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>. The sponsorship amount is \$1,850 and will support the hiring of 8 coaches per clinic.

WMBVB will ask for a \$10 sign-up fee from participants. Those dollars will go to the WMBVB scholarship fund. Last year the clinics hosted 150 kids. The Friends group declined the offer of free t-shirts, wishing all revenue to be spent on the kids.

It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the Friends of Grand Haven State Park allocate \$1,850 to WMBVB to support two youth volleyball clinics during the summer of 2022 at Grand Haven State Park.

**Old Business:**

**Update from Andy Lundborg:**

Interviews for the open full time ranger position have concluded and the position should be filled shortly.

Three new rangers from last year will start their training on Monday.

Supplies for the volunteer group Y2V projects are being ordered.

There is a new concessionaire (in addition to the food trucks) that will operate a beach/camp store inside the Pavilion. They will use the space on the north end and should be up and running by Memorial Day.

There are a few Pavilion projects scheduled for April.

Bids have been sent out for sand relocation services.

Notices for interviews for summer staff have been sent out. There are 15 applicants so far. The State is paying \$1.00/hour more in 2022.

There are two new events being considered at the park:

- Volleyball related/YMCA youth camp

- Pole Vault event (relocated from City of Grand Haven Beach)

The drinking fountain by the day use playground will be repaired by opening day. Covid restrictions could keep it from being operational.

The ADA picnic tables are in the process of being ordered. There is some confusion regarding payment. The DNR is asking for our payment, but the FGHP submitted two checks to cover our half of the approved project (\$8200 and \$3000) in February of 2021. The State of Michigan has cashed both checks in March of 2021. Mike Mazurek is in contact with Justin from the DNR to resolve the issue.

Andy has the list of Friends group projects for the Y2V workers. Our projects will be priority, followed by the State Park projects. There are several areas where concrete needs to be poured to complete projects. Andy will see if any of the volunteers have that skill set so we don't have to contract with a third party.

### **Update Water Safety Book: Tim Wheeler**

There will be a series of three books based on the brochure developed by the Water Safety Consortium. The first book is focused on Avoiding Drowning.

- The script is written and passes for factual accuracy

- Storyboards have been completed by the Illustrator

- Each book will be in both English and Spanish (front half/back half)

- The Water Safety Consortium brochure will be included in the book

The books are slated to be printed the first week of May. Tim is reaching out to potential partners for a larger print run. The Safe Kids organization has verbally committed.

### **2022 Projects:**

Action Track Chairs: we put a down payment on one chair. We are waiting on approval of our matching funds proposal to the State of Michigan for an additional chair. Mike sent a donation request letter to the Jack & Althea Goodale Fund for possible sponsorship.

Y2V Work weeks: Mike sent an email to the volunteer group to get a head count. So far there are 15 RV's and 27 people. The Friends group would like to host a few thank you events during the two weeks. If possible, it was decided to:

- Host a meet and greet at a local brewery

- Provide a luncheon

- Host a thank you dinner

Bob Moore will inquire with breweries for scheduling purposes. Andy cannot commit to the Pavilion being open for serving lunch. He will investigate using the office building instead.

Judi Mazurek asked Becky Newman to resend the annual dues email as we did not get a very good response to the first one. Becky will compose an email that details all the progress we have made to elicit more memberships/donations. We may follow up with a physical mailing.

**New Business:**

The Kite Festival is returning to Grand Haven State Park on May 21 & 22. If the FGHSP want to have a tent, we could conceivably start handing out our new Water Safety books. We would need to get a new tent! Mike Mazurek will ask Coke if they can provide one again. Dave Brinks asked for a bigger one this time!

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2022, at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom

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

**Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.**