

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023



**Meeting commenced: 3:40pm on Zoom**

**Roll Call:** Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Dave Brinks, Sallie Brinks, Bob Moore, Karen Casey, Arica Johnson, and Becky Newman

Mike welcomed the group, thanked everyone for attending and said he was looking forward to a good 2023.

**The November meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Deposits since November: \$713.44 \$575.94 from Coke and \$137.50 rebate for wood

Expenses since November: \$2,680. \$2,500 for the second water safety book and \$180 for web hosting.

Current cash in the checking account = \$31,309.25

We have \$5.00 in savings.

**Old Business:**

**Update from Grand Haven State Park: Andy Lundborg via email**

We are currently working on getting hiring documents in place to fill a vacant ranger position and fill two janitor positions. The janitor positions are new to Grand Haven though many other parks around the state use them. We are hopeful it will help us stay up on restroom cleaning tasks during the height of our season.

We are working to replace the water heaters in the campground shower building before we open this coming spring.

**Water Safety Book: Bob Moore**

Email update from Tim Wheeler:

We are still on schedule for a spring printing of Water Safety Book 2: Be a Survivor.

Book 2 will follow the bullet points from the Great Lakes Water Safety Commission on what to do if you find yourself in trouble in the water (swim parallel to shore, flip/float/follow, etc.). This book will, like the first book, be bilingual.

We will also be bringing this book into the Ride With Pride series, which features several other books on fire safety, seat belt safety, helmet safety, etc. While the book is designed to stand on its own, it will now become part of a larger catalog for anyone interested in those other safety topics. As of this writing, we have financial commitments from the following:

- Friends of Grand Haven State Park
- Safe Kids West Michigan
- Great Lakes Water Safety Consortium

This afternoon I will be reaching out to my network at the Michigan Trauma Coalition. Their focus is safety and injury prevention, and I am reaching out to the following entities around the state:

- Lake Huron Medical Center
- Hillsdale Hospital
- MyMichigan Medical Center
- Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department
- McLaren Health (now Corewell)
- Bronson Wellness Center
- Spectrum Health Zeeland (now Corewell)
- Covenant Healthcare
- DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital
- Ascension St. John Hospital
- Bronson Methodist Hospital
- Michigan DHHS

Karen asked about the cost per book. Bob will find out. Becky will research the quantity we should expect. We need to revisit how to distribute the books in the day use area of the park.

**Matching Funds:**

The application for Mobi Mats has been submitted. We should hear in March. We asked for funding to acquire ten 6' wide by 10' long sections. The total cost is \$26,690. Our half would be \$13,345. This does not include a winder to roll up the mats (an additional \$3200). Each section weighs 100 pounds.

The turnaround time from ordering is a few days. We anticipate having them for the start of the season.

The mats have a useful life of 10 years.

**Programs: Outdoor Center**

We decided on two programs with the Outdoor Center and are asking for the following dates: Birds of Prey: July 20, and Up Close and Wild: August 17.

We will discuss a concert option in the February meeting.

**New Business**

Mike reviewed the proposed budget for 2023. A motion to amend the budget for \$600.00 in programming funds was approved. Mike will send out the amended budget.

**Next Meeting:** February 13, 2023, at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom

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

**Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.**