

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

February 13 2023



**Meeting commenced: 3:32pm on Zoom.**

**Roll Call:** Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Bob Moore, Karen Casey, Becky Newman, Stevo VanderWerp and Pete Goers.

Mike welcomed the group, thanked everyone for attending and said he will attend the State of Michigan Friends Group Summit virtually on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mike will forward the link to the group for those who would like to participate in various sessions.

**The January meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Deposits since January: \$298. \$250 from annual dues and \$48 from Amazon Smile.

Expenses since January: \$395.72 for sales tax payment on wood and firepits.

Current cash in the checking account = \$31,211.59.

We have \$5.00 in savings.

**Old Business:**

**Update from Grand Haven State Park: Andy Lundborg not present.**

**Water Safety Book: Bob Moore – no update**

**Outdoor Center Programs: Becky Newman**

We are confirmed for Birds of Prey on July 20<sup>th</sup> and Up Close and Wild on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Bob Moore has attended two Sustainability and Energy Committee meetings. He reports that they have received a grant from the Grand Haven Community Foundation for recycling programs. They have previously instituted a composting program and a cardboard recycling program for the City of Grand Haven. The committee is planning an Earth Day event at the Grand Haven Community Center (newly named Central Park Place). The FGHSP are welcome to participate and could sell t-shirts and recruit new members. Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Recycling efforts in Grand Haven State Park have not continued to operate. Programs in the past failed due to:

Park staff not wanting or having time to handle it.

The public not using sorting dumpsters appropriately.

The pandemic eliminating the special needs volunteer workers to help.

The group is in favor of attending the Earth Day event. Becky will create display boards and update our brochure.

West Michigan Beach Volleyball: Stevo and Pete

This proposal to support two volleyball clinics in 2023 was presented to the group:

Two clinics, approximately 150 kids per clinic

Eight coaches/instructors

Open to 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

\$15.00 participation fee

Dates: June 15 and July 13

It was motioned, seconded and approved that the Friends of Grand Haven State Park commit \$1,850 to WMBVB to sponsor two volleyball clinics in 2023.

Pete and Stevo were made aware of the possibility that current brock docks could be used to create a walkway from the food truck circle to the day use entry circle. They will reach out to Andy Lundborg to give input on placement and it's impact on volleyball clinics and tournaments.

Judy Mazurek observed that our membership drive by mail was a lot more effective than by email. She asked the group if we thought that membership cards should be sent with receipts since we are almost out of them. It was suggested that maybe a FGHSP sticker might be appreciated instead. Becky will investigate the design and cost and report back.

Due to member travel plans, the March meeting has been waived.

**Next Meeting:** April 10, 2023, at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom

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

**Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.**