

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023

Members Present: Breitzman, Carlson, Eggleston, Manion, Pautz, and Van Berkel

Not Present: Gertz, Hietpas, Jakel, and White

Also Present: Maureen Feldt and Debra Nowak

Chair, Pautz called the March Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum is present.

February 16, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes

Carlson made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the February 16, 2023 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

February Financial Report

Eggleston made a motion to table the February Financial Report until the March meeting. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

Endowment Summary: Question regarding the 816 Account. All interest earned from the Endowment Fund goes into the 1000 Islands Environmental 816 Account.

Correspondence

Nowak read a Thank You note from Sally Cleveland in appreciation of the National Eagle Center presentation in memory of Michael.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

Art Fair: Vendor applications are coming in and we should have all 50 spots filled. Sponsor letters have gone out to local businesses and we are hoping for a good response.

Pancake Breakfast: All set for upcoming breakfast on March 18th. Several local companies and the Kiwanis Club donated food items and KHS Key Club members will help.

Naturalist's Report

Nowak met with other City Directors to discuss the snow and building issues the Nature Center staff faced during the Christmas Holiday. Good discussion, but nothing resolved. Committee to revisit this issue.

Summer Service Saturdays: The Site Manager selected one Saturday morning per month during the summer to hold a Service Day. Looking for individuals and/or groups to help with various projects on the property.

Jabber's Health: He has been falling off his perch and took him to the Vet. He does have health issue which we are addressing. He is taking meds to help him.

Van Berkel made a motion to accept the February Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee

Nothing to report, but will be meeting in the near future.

Education Sub-Committee

Carlson made a motion to receive and place on file the minutes from the January 6, 2023 Education Sub-Committee meeting.

We received the new snowshoes. Reviewing the rental cost and procedure for renting the new snowshoes.

The Summer Program schedule is finalized and available through the Rec. Dept. and our website. We have many Field Trips scheduled for this summer as well.

Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee

Next project on the horizon is improving the boardwalk, which is a very large project. Nowak is working with John Neumeier and he mentioned that grants are available to look into. Completing the first section should give us an indication of the labor, materials, etc. for the remaining sections. Van Berkel concern if we need DNR involvement as footings stand on top of bedrock.

Old Business

Update on the Tree and Shrub Seedling Sales. Sales going well, especially the shrubs. We do have several Eastern White Pine bundles still available.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Good for the Center

Nothing to report.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Van Berkel moved to adjourn the March 16 Committee meeting at 7:49 PM. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary