

Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024

Present: Lowell Palecek, via zoom
Anne Marie Moseman
Sue Harrington, via zoom
Paula Anderson
Kurty Mead, Park Naturalist
Jill Beim - honored guest

Absent: Bev Yoki
Grace Hill, Asst. Park Manager

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Motion to approve the agenda by Sue; second by Lowell; Approved.

Motion was made to accept the December Minutes by Anne Marie; second by Paula; Approved.

Before our meeting got underway we honored Jill Beim for all her hard work and leadership in making the Tettegouche State Park Nature Play Area come into being. We presented her with a card and a gift card for Timber Coffee in Silver Bay.

Officer Reports:

President -

- Lowell and Anne Marie attended a webinar by the DNR regarding our MOU.
- Kurt will hold a day long class on the dragonflies in June at Tettegouche State Park on the 3rd Wednesday. This is our scheduled Board meeting so we will most likely hold a brief meeting beforehand so that those board members interested can attend this event.

Treasurer -

- Balance Sheet - 1/17/2024
- Park State Bank \$ 378.56
- Parks & Trails \$4,229.44
- Grants - for Winter Fest and Summer Concerts
 - Best of the North Shore \$3,900.00
 - Lovin' Lake County \$2,000.00
- **Total** **\$5,900.00**

Park Staff -

- There is a new "draft" policy on the table with the DNR that may prohibit Bev's involvement as a Board member (again)
- Kurt has been working with the William Kelly 8th graders in the Natural Resources Class.
 - They are making ice fishing rods and regular fishing rods.
 - At the end of the next semester both classes will head to Lax Lake to test out their rods.
- Kurt also met with the 6th graders to do a Fur Trade Talk and brought along animal pelts.

Old Business:

Budget 2024 -

- Anne Marie is still putting it together
 - Formal approval of the 2024 Budget will be at our next board meeting.

Winter Fest -

- Paula reported that these elements of the event have been officially set:
 - Speaker - Roger James, Grand Portage Park Naturalist
 - Musicians - Shore Thing
 - Storytime Reader - Eileen Anselment
 - Food Truck - Johnny B's
 - Two crafts offered: snow snakes and pinecone bird feeders
 - Snowshoeing - Kurt Mead, our park naturalist
 - Two outdoor activities: snow snake racing and obstacle course
 - Popcorn machine has been reserved from Park State Bank
 - Hot Cider - large coffee pot will be purchased
 - S'mores at the outdoor fireplace
- Volunteers are needed!
 - We will ask Jill to post a plea for volunteers on our website and social media accounts
 - Paula will send out an email to our newsletter group (440 emails)
 - All of these will have links to the volunteer sign up page on our website
 - A reminder that ALL members also need to fill out the Volunteer Forms as well each year.
- We have a budget of \$1,907
 - Besides the musicians, advertising crafts, food, and paper products needed the Board approved the purchase of an additional 40 cup coffee pot @ \$70
 - Also to purchase a teardrop banner for this and future events.
- Motion to allow the committee to purchase the supplies they will need for Winter Fest was made by Paula, second by Sue; Approved

Artist Reception -

- The February Artist is Melinda Wolff on February 2nd at 7pm
- The Hospitality Committee will be contacted to organize the reception.

Kiosk -

- Still trying to arrange a meeting with Grace to discuss options.

New Business:

Trail Adoption -

- Promotion of the program will start at the end of February.
- The committee will come up with a name for the program:
 - Lowell is submitting the name: Adopt a Trail
 - They will discuss this at their next meeting
- Lowell will send out an email to recruit committee members.

Projects and Plans with DNR -

- These have been signed off
- Lowell will send out the link so that members can be reminded to look at them.

Nature Play Area -

- Jill is asking to write a grant to purchase items to maintain and complete a few things that need finishing up;
 - Mulch
 - Materials for a photo opportunity cutout sign
 - Chickadee Hollow kids to be refreshed and the benches moved
 - Bamboo for the human wind chimes
- Motion to allow Jill to move forward with the grant process was made by Anne Marie; second Sue; Approved

Dark Sky Event -

- Amy Grillo is starting to organize a Dark Sky event in the Silver Bay Area
- She has asked if the Friends of Tettegouche would help co-sponsor the event.
 - After discussion we have decided to help but in a supportive role not run the event.
- As more information evolves, it will be shared with the Friends group and members can get involved however they choose.
- A motion to support NOT co-sponsor the event with Amy Grillo's Dark Sky event was made by Lowell; second Anne Marie; Approved

Next Board Meeting has been set for February 21st at 10am in the Visitor Center meeting room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sue; second by Anne Marie; Approved

Board Meeting draft submitted by Paula Anderson, secretary