

Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2024

Present: Lowell Palecek, via zoom
Anne Marie Moseman
Sue Harrington, via zoom
Paula Anderson
Kurty Mead, Park Naturalist
Grace Hill, Asst. Park Manager

Absent: Bev Yoki

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am

Motion to approve the agenda by Paula; second by Anne Marie; Approved.

Motion was made to accept the December Minutes with corrections by Sue; second by Lowell; Approved.

Report:

President -

- Lowell received a request from Parks & Trail Council to answer a survey, he will look it through and take care of it.

Treasurer -

- Balance Sheet - 2/20/2024
- Park State Bank \$ 569.56 \$ 730.56
- Parks & Trails \$4,610.24 \$10,124.60
- **TOTAL** **\$5,179.80** **\$10,855.16**
- Summary
- Starting Total \$ 5,179.80
- Income \$6,191.64
- Expenses - 515.64
- **TOTAL** **\$10,855.16**

- We have one new member since January.

Park Staff -

- New park staff
 - General Maintenance, Kate
 - Lead General Maintenance, Evan
 - 6 interns
 - 2 night security
 - 2 operations
 - 2 naturalists
- There will now be continuous postings of positions.
- Looking to separate Tettegouche/Crosby Manitou/Caribou Falls from Temperance.
 - This staff recorded 1.1 million visitors last year

- Kurt will be doing an Earth Day presentation
 - It has been virtual in the past
 - He will check with Jill to work on this year's presentation.

Old Business:

2024 Budget -

- You can find it on the FTSP Shared Drive
- \$650 from memberships
- \$500 donations (Give to the Max, tip jars)
- \$236 collected for the Teddy the Tettegouche Moose Mascot costume
- \$1,550 income
- -\$1,190 expenses (standard office supplies, IT programs....)
- Restricted Funds \$6,200
 - Nature Play Area \$360
 - Winter Fest \$700 left from the two grants
 - Concerts \$3,600 from both grants
- Funds available at beginning of fiscal year \$5,179.80
- Budgeted Income \$7,818.09
- Budgeted Expenses - \$7,458.09
- Budget Net \$ 360.00
- **Projected Bank Balance if on Budget \$5,539.80**
- Motion made by Paula to accept the 2023 Budget; second by Lowell; Approved

Trail Program -

- We will start using the term “Stewards” when referring to this program ie: Trail Stewards.
- Lowell will be sending an email out to the entire email list later this week to get the program started to recruit volunteers
- There are 26 sections of ½ mile trail areas to be maintained.
 - Looking for volunteers to pick up 2 mile sections
- How will volunteers report damage? Here are the possibilities:
 - Spreadsheet
 - Send a report to Sue, who will report to Park Staff
- Gather names and then get them started on the trails.
- More info to come after a committee is formed and meets.

Projects & Goals 2024 -

- It has been suggested that the goals be put on the website, Lowell will contact Jill.
- Board to look at the projects and goals and come to the next meeting in April to discuss and make changes if necessary.

Kiosk -

- The Part Staff has made us aware of a digital kiosk option
- It is located right outside the meeting room door.

- Jill is looking into an adaptor so we can hook it up to a laptop and run a slideshow type program of our activities and events.

New Business:

St. Urho Parade -

- Anne Marie has sent in our registration to be in the parade.
- Jill will make a volunteer opportunity on the website.

Hollow Log for the NPA -

- Can we get it moved from up on the trail beyond the NPA?
- Grace will check into this for us.
- Mostlikly will be after the snow melts.

Board Meeting Schedule -

- We will continue with the once a month, 3rd Wednesday at 10am.
- Post the meetings on the website

Nature Play Area Map -

- Anne Marie will give it a go but would like an aerial view of the area.
- Can we get permission for someone to bring a drone in and take a photo?
 - Andy or Phil
 - They will need to be certified by the FAA
- Suggestion was made to check a GIS map of the area with the county.

Announcements:

- March Artist Reception will feature James Ellis.
- FTSP will be in the St. Urho Day Parade in Finland, MN Mar. 16 @ 12pm
- There WILL NOT be a March Board Meeting
- The next Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, April 12, 10am in the Visitor Center Meeting Room.

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

Minutes draft submitted by Paula Anderson, secretary