

FMRT 032016
March 14, 2016, 6:00 PM
Friends Shelter
Blue Mound State Park
Blue Mounds, WI 53517

Friends attending: Cletus Schwoerer, Vice President, Bill Kalschuer, Treasurer, Palmer Haynes, Acting Secretary, Lydia Haynes, Dave Pearson, Jane Schwoerer, Keith Sincox, Kyle St Clair, Kevin Swenson and Brad Bates, DNR Staff.

Cletus, acting in the absence of president Wilson, called the meeting to order. A round of introductions allowed Friends to meet our guest Kyle from Mount Horeb.

Minutes and Financial Reports were sent electronically. Bill reported the checking balance to be \$17,980.55. Dave moved and Jane seconded his motion to approve the minutes and reports as received. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Lydia will be discussing depreciation adjustments, for the depot and land, with accountant Dana Chabot. Dave moved and Bill seconded his motion to pay \$290.00 to Tamlyn Akins for website consulting. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Summer Calendar Dates

DNR Open Parks: June 4-5, free admission to any State Park. Depot open 1 to 3PM.

HHH: June 18th, volunteers sign-up on "Great Day Event" website.

Ice Cream Social: July 24, 1 to 3PM, Mt Horeb Comfort Station shelter.

Meg Skinner's eco-hike information will also be on the Friends website.

Dairyland Dare: August 13 (note: no requests for volunteers as of late.)

Trail Report Kevin reported that the trail is soft and wet. DOT's Ridgeway west interchange is funded for 2017 construction. The DNR negotiated that the MRT relocation, grading, culvert(s) and paving will be by DOT. Brad reported difficulty finding correct addresses for parking lots adjoining the trail. Lydia appreciated his help. He made contact with Tom Meyer regarding the Riley overlook signage. Brad may contact Jeff Durbin a graphic designer. Brad provided DNR trail events policies to a Juvenile Diabetes representative. Kevin may have to find a 50th anniversary plaque that the Friends paid for and ordered.

Website Lydia and Jane reported good progress on its construction. They asked all to provide feedback on ways to improve the site. Cletus suggested the membership and brick forms should be printable, each, on a single page. The FMRT logo could be used on a few more pages. Lydia requested more trail activity and event photos.

Dodgeville Kiosk Friends will do some demolition in preparation of its reconstruction. The sign and some hardware should be saved. Kevin will be notified of the reconstruction start date.

Vista Clearing Friends will gather at the Taylor Family bench west of Klevenville to clear invasives on March 28, at 9:00 AM. Bill will notify Mark Cis of the work day.

Other March/April Projects

Barneveld Kiosk shingles: (Cletus leading)

Depot snow fence removal: (Cletus leading)

Reoccurring Business

Turn on Depot water: (April)

Order Port-a-Potty for Riley DNR parking lot: (\$95/mo.)

Cook out, clean up Depot interior, wash windows in and out: (May Meeting)

Palmer moved and Bill seconded his motion to gratefully accept a historic wooden map of the MRT given to the Friends by DNR. (Kevin and Brad) Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. The map will be on display at the Friends, Ridgeway Depot Museum. The date of, and location for the map is unknown.

Dave moved and Bill seconded his motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Friends will meet on April 11 at 6:00 PM, in the Blue Mound S. P. Friends Shelter.

Respectfully submitted,
Palmer R. Haynes
Acting Secretary