

Friends of Ferris Board Meeting Minutes of January 23/2018

Meeting was called to order by Barb Hogan at 6:00pm at the Legion.

Present: Barb Hogan, Carol Robertson, Theresa Miller, Marcia Perryman, John Knox, Sandy Chapman, Donna Wilson

Ontario Parks: Rob Cunningham, Rachel Windsor

Guests: Allan Appleby, Megan Mahoney, Blair Fleming

Regrets: Anne Kidd

Review of the Agenda: no additions

Approval of the Minutes:

Moved by Theresa Miller and seconded by Marcia Perryman that the minutes of the November 09/2017 board meeting be passed. Carried

Guest Speakers:

Barb introduced Megan Mahoney and Blair Fleming who both work at the Campbellford Memorial Hospital. They wanted to make us aware of the 1st Annual Ranney Gorge Run that will take place Sunday, May 06/2018. It will start at 9:00am and all proceeds will go towards the purchase of IV equipment for the hospital. It will start at Kennedy Park with a 10.55 km and 5 km routes through Ferris Provincial Park. There will be a activities for the children also. Participants will pass Island Park Retirement Residence where the residents will be involved in giving out water. Megan and Blair have been working with Rob Cunningham regarding use of a Ferris Park for this event. They answered questions from the board and Barb thanked them for coming. Contact them or the Hospital Foundation if you wish to volunteer to help.

Regular Business:

Action Plan 2018: Carol presented the 12 Key Ingredients of an Experience from the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Workshop. After a board discussion it was decided to look at the events we offer and how these 12 ingredients could help improve them for our action plan for this year. Sandy will look at Kite Day, Carol our Dry Stone Wall, Marcia - Bat Day, Theresa - Turtle Day, and Barb Birdwatching Day. We will look at the results at our February meeting.

2017 Santa Claus Parade: we appreciate Scott Drummond stepping up with a garage in which to prepare the float and a truck to pull it. Our float won best entry representing the theme Canada 150.

Playground: Rachel reported that the monkey bars will be installed and the chain fixed on the swing in early spring. The donor plaque is ready and a couple of parking spaces will be created (near the swift houses) and a stone chip path to lead to the equipment.

Sharpe's Tapes: Thank you to the LaChapelles for taking on this project for the last while. Marcia has volunteered to take it back on again.

Newsletter: A draft copy was available to look at and if any corrections need to be made please contact Anne. If you have any pictures and or articles please get them to Anne Kidd as soon as possible, for sure by the end of February.

Carol would like to see the map of the Tuesday Walkers in the newsletter. In 2017 they walked a total of 11,432 km. The km every Tuesday were multiplied by the number of walkers.....congratulations.

Tabloid: David Bree is working on another project so if you have anything for the tabloid please contact Laura. She can be reached at David's phone number or his email. Willow Publishing will now be printing the

Ferris Park edition.

Wish List: In regards to a donation to be made in the future Rob Cunningham is going to look into the price of a kiosk for educational purposes. He will bring this back to the February meeting.

Dry Stone Wall: Carol will speak to the Dry Stone Wall group to see how early we would know the numbers that would be attending as this will be key in our plans for the day. This will be the 10th Anniversary of this event.

Rob Cunningham stated that cars entering the park for this event would pay \$5.00 and the money would go to the Friends of Ferris.

Bat Day: This will be Sept. 29/18 at 1:00pm. In Anne's absence Carol report that Bob Laundry from Campbellford Home Hardware donated 30 bat houses.

New Business:

2018 Northumberland Tourism Guide: Barb had a copy for everyone to see and noted that there are two pictures of the suspension bridge.

2018 Friends of Ferris Membership Brochure: If you see anything that needs changed please let Barb know.

T-Shirts: Barb reviewed our inventory and since there is a good price now would like all board members to come to the next meeting with an idea of how many and what sizes we need to order.

Memory Book: The board decided that submissions to the Memory Book be posted "as submitted".

Financials: John Knox reported that we have \$1,065.76 in the boardwalk fund and \$6,036.62 in the unrestricted cash for general use. He submitted a financial statement.

Ontario Parks: Rob Cunningham reported that when the weather permits the hole in the kite field will be fixed. Also the job posting is up for Assistant Superintendent at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. It will close soon with interviews to follow. He also mentioned for our group to check insurance/liability that we have.

Next Meeting: Tues. February 27/2018 at 6:00pm at the Campbellford Legion Branch 103.

Thank you to Sandy Chapman for volunteering to be secretary for that meeting.

Adjourned at 8:30pm by Theresa.