

**Friends of Shabbona Lake State Park
Officers and Directors Meeting
May 13, 2015, Resource Bank Schoolhouse**

President Spencer Meyers opened the meeting. Those in attendance were Spencer Meyers, Rich McElligott, Denny Sands, Jan Knudsen, Clint Sands, Tim Tausch, Kathy Sands and Duane Landmeier. Absent: Frankie Benson.

Spencer discussed information he researched concerning insurance coverage for the Officers and Directors and the general membership:

- 1 - the insurance that Duane's fishing club has is \$646.00
- 2 - Mike Tuma's insurance suggestions would not quote because Friends has no assets and in are in Illinois
- 3 - internet insurance quote was \$744.00 for annual premium
- 4 - Charlie from Resource Insurance quoted \$250.00 for general liability which would be physical act projects. The quote for Directors and Officers is \$450.00, which would cover being sued for a project Friends did and someone has a problem with it, Officers and Directors could be sued for misuse of funds, fraud, and making bad money decisions.
- 5 - Spencer stated that waivers are not legal and rarely hold up in court.

Discussion about the pros and cons of general liability and the Officers and Directors insurance was considered. Spencer called Charlie with questions from the board. We can have immediate coverage as soon as payment has been made, there are no deductibles and there would be lawyer representation on general liability coverage and Officers and Directors coverage.

Denny made a motion to purchase both general liability and Officers and Directors insurance coverage. Rich seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the minutes from the April 2, 2015, meeting, Jan made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Denny presented the Treasurer's Report. We have 51 members. He expressed a little disappointment about the lack of membership. The Attorney General Registration was filed. Clint stated he would speak with Kerry and Molly about using the state tax exempt until the Friends tax exempt number arrived.

Rich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Spencer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Committees were discussed. It was determined that Spencer would work on fundraising. Denny will do the local businesses for fundraising. Instead of committees, volunteering for projects would be put out to members to decide what projects they would work on.

Denny suggested that the 501c3 be sent out to Spencer and Tim to use for fundraising efforts. Tim will develop a donation letter. He has contacts with area business managers that may donate supplies for the possible first projects in the park. The first projects that are being considered are:

- 1 - swings and chains for playgrounds
- 2 - repairing the potholes on the public boat launch and put rings on the public boat launch pier
- 3 - stripe all the parking lots
- 4 - low growing flowers/bushes around the 2 front entrance signs
- 5 - Clearing, cleaning and mulching playgrounds

Clint gave a social media presentation. On the web are details on how Friends was formed, the next pages included: how to become a member with the application form, a committee page, a supporters page, the By-Laws, the minutes, meetings and agendas, the next meeting date, and the park needs list. Clint has donated \$130.00 for an integrating fee, a boost fee and a target fee to increase internet exposure. The Facebook presence is 2nd in the state compared to other Friends groups.. He stated the importance of posting often. He will put up more posts about joined Friends. As a result, we have gained 2 new members, had 17,000 looks, 600 likes and 64 shares in just a few days. Duane suggested forwarding our information to Midwest Outdoors. DeKalb County Online reposts some of our information.

Clint will create a checkbox for private or public donations on the application form.

Clint will make a receipt template with our logo before the next meeting.

Spencer will make the five corrections to the Friends letter.

Tim stated the Youth Fishing League will start in July.

Denny will speak with Danny Rey about striping the parking lots. Rich stated the park has some yellow paint for striping.

Denny will speak with the Superintendent for approval of possible projects and give him the June 3, 2015 meeting date.

Denny will get mulch to playground area locations: Three Fires parking lot, campground boat launch parking lot, and the Shabbona Grove parking lot.

Rich will get 25 blocks for the trees to be dropped in the lake.

Duane will get information about the cement needed for the pier repair.

Jan will work on donations of flower/bushes for the signs.

Clint and Spencer will go through the park for other projects.

All the information and possible supplies donated will be ready for the June 3, 2015, meeting.

Spencer stated that it will be good for the public to see that we are doing projects. Everyone agreed that this would help grow our membership.

Spencer concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sands