

Friends of Midway State Park

Minutes of the Annual Meeting: August 20, 2011

Attending: Shar Trenkamp, Sharon Bartram, Pat Locke, Dee Armstrong, Bill Armstrong, Kathie McCarthy, Bob Wooler, Bill Locke, and Kate Gross.

Bob Wooler called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm and distributed a prepared sheet of highlights regarding the Friends' first year of operation, together with a financial report. He echoed some of the main points in the report:

- A contact list has grown to about 200 friends and 60 have become paid members.
- Although the approval of the 501c3 application is anticipated from the IRS within days, fundraising has still been productive, with almost \$8,000 donated over the course of the year ending August 15.
- The Friends have been able to mobilize effective campaigns for two key projects at Midway: the restoration of the July 4 Fireworks for which the Friends donated \$3,000, and the restoration of the carousel rounding boards toward which the Friends has almost \$2,500 raised to date.

The rounding boards will be restored to their original art deco design in red, blue, white, and yellow, and Bob will begin to pursue this project this fall so that the work can be completed over the winter and available when the carousel goes back into its roundhouse shelter pending the completion of the state's renovation work next spring. The decision to go with the art deco design reflects a desire to concentrate on 1950s themes regarding design and details in the parks, and theme that is common and popular in Jamestown and the region, so the Friends will be comfortable working with this theme going forward.

Longer term, Bob alluded to other projects: a capital campaign for the restoration of the roller skating hippodrome, a new miniature golf course, and the acquisition of more 1950s Kiddieland rides. Having the Friends recruit more volunteers for maintenance and painting days will be a bigger need, as will recruiting more help for maintaining arcade games and attractions. Shar Trenkamp said she appreciated the Friends' effort to plant a lakeside buffer this past spring, and it was agreed that more lakeside planting and trail and path maintenance was also a growing need.

Corporate sponsorship and business participation was also being seen as something both the Friends and Midway Park management, working locally and outside state budget channels, would do more of in the future to sponsor various rides, attractions, and improvements.

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Members present participated in a general discussion with Park Manager Kate Gross about park priorities, timetables, and the partnership with the Friends.

Bob distributed a list of candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the upcoming year:

Sharon Bartram

Priscilla Kehoe

Walter Kehoe

Matt Hamilton-Kraft

Bill Locke

Pat Locke

Kathleen McCarthy

Bob Reynolds

Bob Wooler

After a brief discussion about the addition of other members, Bob Wooler motioned that the list of nominees be considered for election to one year terms. Bill Locke seconded the motion and all present voted in favor, thereby electing the slate of members. It was agreed that the next Board Meeting would be held in mid-October prior to seasonal residents' departure for the season.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm to welcome the arriving guests for the Midway Park Couples Reunion event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Wooler