

## Friends of Midway State Park Annual Meeting

Summary – September 1, 2013

Attending: Priscilla Kehoe, Walt Kehoe, Kate Gross, Kathleen McCarthy, Joe Thoman, Sharon Bartram, Peter Bartram, Randall Burt, Ro Woodard, Dee Armstrong, Bill Armstrong, Jerry Lesinski, Linda Donovan, Norma Watson, Binnie Kurtzner, Nancy Mentzer, Sarah Trantum, B.J. Kartzner, Bill Locke, Bob Reynolds, Dick Dacenport, and Bob Wooler.

Bob Wooler called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm at Midway State Park and invited all to introduce themselves around the room. Bob reviewed the highlights of the year for the Friends of Midway, including:

- Growth to 85 paid memberships and 279 Friends
- Co-sponsoring the annual July 4 Fireworks
- Spearheading the completion of the rounding boards for the 1946 Herschell Carousel, now housed with 30 base-coated horses in a newly rebuilt roundhouse.
- Completing the restoration of the 1952 MYC-G16 Chautauqua Choo-Choo
- Completing the campaign for sponsorship of the decorative painting of the carousel horses.
- Planning for the redesign and rebuilding of the carousel chariots , with one in a handicapped-accessible design which was discussed in detail by Kathleen McCarthy.

The Financials were reviewed:

2012 showed an operating deficit of \$2,278 on revenues of \$10,583, leaving a year-end balance of \$4,218. Thus far in 2013, the Friends have raised \$4,367, plus the \$30,000 in restricted horse detailing funds..

Next, the slate of proposed directors for 2013-14 was introduced:

Sharon Bartram  
Matt Hamilton-Kraft  
Priscilla Kehoe  
Walt Kehoe  
Bill Locke  
Pat Locke  
Kathleen McCarthy  
Bob Reynolds  
Joe Thoman  
Sarah Trantum  
Bob Wooler

A motion to elect was made by Walt Kehoe, seconded by Bob Reynolds and passed unanimously.

Kate Gross offered a summary of park priorities for the off-season and next year, including:

- Acquiring a Scrambler to take the place of the Dragon. Longer-term th parkis in the market for a Paratrooper and a Ferris Wheel.
- Redesign and potential rebuild of the mini golf course, depending on the extent of partnerships, sponsorships, and state funding.
- A new train station will be built in the fall and winter
- Carousel will be outfitted with lights and art deco touches
- Sky Fighters, bells for boats, and Tubs of Fun will be completed.

Longer term the state is committed to restoration of the Hippodrome.

Discussion turned to the setting of priorities for 2014. They included:

- Signage and Accessories for the train
- Design of the mini-golf course, potentially including local grant and sponsorships. A sub-committee was formed to push along plans.
- Completing a first-class restoration of the 1946 Herschell Carousel.