

STEWARDS OF FIRELANDS SCOUT RESERVATION MAY 13, 2019

Notes

On May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., the Stewards of Firelands Reservation met in fellowship at the Lake Lodge. Fred Downey welcomed everyone to the meeting announcing this is the 28th year for the Stewards of Firelands Reservation. A representative Scout and new Steward of Troop 31, opened the meeting with the Pledge, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. After recognizing the original Stewards in attendance, Fred introduced Marc Ryan, Scout Executive, and Ranger Danny Thomas who spoke about the new expansion of Waldock Pond and encouraged the Stewards to get a good look at it. The meeting recessed to the Camp Avery Hand for dinner.

Members gathered in the Avery Hand Dining Hall for dinner. Fred Downey, chairman, resumed the meeting by again welcoming everyone. Fred thanked Bill Roloff, Lake Erie Council Properties Superintendent, for catering the event. After bowing heads for grace, and asking for prayers for Stewards who could not be there, dinner began.

Following dinner, Fred again recognized the new Stewards in attendance, as well as the large concentration of Eagle Scouts there. He then introduced Jarrod Blundy, Camp Director for Firelands Scout Reservation, who gave an update on programs at camp:

- Firelands is starting its third summer refocused at the premier Cub Scout Camp in Lake Erie Council, with great reviews from campers and leaders attending the programs.
- The strong, dedicated staff for Cub Scouts serve as great role models for the young Scouts.
- Lake Erie Council earned silver in Cub Scout Camping on their Journey to Excellence led by a 50% increase of Webelos attending the new Exploration Camp.
- The Council is on pace to have more Webelos attend camp again in 2019, and have already surpassed the number of Cub Scouts attending Resident Camp in 2018.
- To accommodate the increasing attendance, the staff has reopened two campsites, and added an extra week of Webelos Exploration Camp.
- Not only are the FSR staff putting on programs at camp, but they're also doing outreach in the community with a day camp in Lorain, and assisting with programs at the other council camps with the rest of the summer staff at Red, White, and Boom!

Jarrod ended with a reminder that what Scouts learn at Firelands lasts far beyond their week at camp, just like the impact the Stewards have lasts for generations of Scouts. He thanked the Stewards for 28 years of generosity, and of changing lives.

Danny Thomas gave a brief recap on last year's Stewards Projects from the record \$40,000 donated in 2018, including a Cub Scout maze, new blob, cabin renovations and upgrades, a new shelter, and program additions such as the gaga pit, rock throwing range, fishing dock, orienteering course, backstop netting for archery ranges, and more. Most projects are already completed, with the Over the Hill Gang and Danny working hard to get the last of the done before the 2019 summer programs begin.

In preparation for project bidding, Fred announced that there were about 90 Stewards in attendance out of over 100 in total, 3 of which were new faces in attendance, all who pooled \$10,000 for collective bidding. He reminded the Stewards that anyone could make a motion to spend from the collective pool, and with a 2nd there would be discussion and a vote. Fred then invited Dr. Rick Keller, chairman of the

Firelands Properties Committee, to speak further about the Waldock Pond expansion. Dr. Keller explained that an anonymous donor donated the significant funds needed to nearly double the size of the pond which will be great for Cub Scouts swimming, fishing, and boating all in the same waters.

Fred and Danny announced that there were a few projects funded by individuals before motions were proposed:

- Mike Cloud organized the people and donated the labor valued at \$2,200 to build the new shelter at Baden Powell campsite.
- John Baddour donated \$1,500 for soccer goals for use year-round.
- Dr. Bill Fox donated \$1,800 for new windows needed for the Lorain Exchange cabin renovation.
- Steve Heston donated \$300 for a load of stone to put over the wet OA Trail.
- Matt Smith donated solar panels for the new shelters valued at \$500.
- A two-man auger for digging holes for signage was purchased at \$900 by John Baddour (\$450) and Gil Sanow II (\$450).
- The Ewell Family raised \$7965 toward a new shelter to be built by the new pond and sledding hill to honor of the late James Ewell, Sr.

After reminding the Stewards that they had \$10,000 to spend on camp improvements, Fred then opened the floor for motions and discussion of proposed projects. A list of proposed projects was supplied. The following motions were made:

- Rick Cloud made a motion to commit the \$1,300 needed for railing on a staircase up the new sledding hill. Seconded by Jeffrey Zullo. Motion carried.
- Rick Cloud made a motion to commit the \$2,500 needed for concrete under the new shelter at Baden Powell campsite. Seconded by Danny Thomas. Motion carried.
- Stewart Downey made a motion to put \$5,450 toward concrete at the Wyandot Chapel. Seconded by Rick Cloud. Motion carried.
- Danny Thomas made a motion to commit \$750 toward putting concrete under the Webelos shelter. Seconded by Stewart Downey. Motion carried.
- Greg Coghlan made and then rescinded a motion to fund the electric for Willard Shelter.

The following projects were funded by individuals:

- Fred and Stewart Downey donated the remained \$750 needed to outfit the new Ewell shelter with electricity.
- Building a bridge across the channel connecting the original and expansion areas of Waldock Pond at \$4,000 by Mark and Suann Kikta.
- Updates to the rifle and archery gateway at \$200 by Stewart Downey (\$100) and Justin Ewell (\$100).
- Electricity accessories for the Baden Powell shelter at \$500 by Matt Smith.
- Landscaping and electricity upgrades at the Warren Brown Amphitheater at \$500 by Orrin and Megan Stanforth.
- Upgrades to the sound system at the Avery Hand Dining Hall at \$300 by Mark Koch.
- Stone for the Webelos shelter at \$300 by Ed Werner (\$150) and Skip Skolnik (\$150).
- The remaining concrete for the Webelos shelter was purchased at \$1300 by Phil Williams (\$300), Marc Amos (\$250), Mark Lugas (\$250), Scott Evans (\$300), and Carl Boyles (\$200).
- Stone for the Baden Powell shelter at \$300 by Harry Larsick
- A covered 24'x10' wood shed for split wood at \$2,000 by Erielhonan Lodge (\$500), Alex Coker (\$100), Joe Wollet (\$100), Carl Boyles (\$100), Marc Ryan (\$100), Chuck Gundlach (\$100), Mark

- Kikta (\$100), Paul Schultz (\$100), Greg Schultz (\$100), Dale and Elaine DeGirolamo (\$100), Matt Bernotas (\$100), Mark Farrar (\$150), John Fabsits (\$100), and John and Bev Yarbrough (\$250).
- An adjustable basketball hoop for year-round use at \$350 by David Asher.
 - A staircase leading up the new sledding hill at \$2,000 by Erielhonan Lodge (\$1,000) and Steve Heston (\$1,000).
 - Dehumidifiers for cabins at \$2,100 by Fred & Stewart Downey (\$1,500), Dale & Elaine DeGirolamo (\$300), Justin Jeffery (\$100), Jason Setser (\$100), and Jarrod Blundy (\$100).
 - A small shipping container for storing Wyandot mattresses at \$2,000 by Matt Smith (\$800), Jarrod Blundy (\$200), Culeen Carey (\$200), Anthony Dworning (\$200), Greg Coghlan (\$200), Brittany Dunne (\$200), and Dale & Elaine DeGirolamo (\$200).
 - The remaining concrete for the Wyandot Chapel at \$4,300 by Dr. Rick Keller (\$1,000), John Hamilton (\$1,000), Matt Bernotas (\$500), the Resar Family (\$500), Fred & Stewart Downey (\$500), Anthony Dworning (\$250), Justin Ewell (\$250), Rich & Mary Wirth (\$100), Orrin & Megan Stanforth (\$100), and Josh Lawlis (\$100).
 - Concrete for one bay of the Ranger Shop Pole Barn at \$1500 by John Nielsen (\$1,100) and the Over the Hill Gang (\$400).

Scout Executive, Marc Ryan, recognized the visionary leadership of Fred Downey for founding the Stewards and being integral to its continuation for 28 years. Marc spoke of his experience last summer as a parent attending Webelos Exploration Camp with his son, and of looking forward to spending time at all three properties this summer with his three kids. Marc thanked the Stewards for their incredible generosity and how they exemplify a commitment to always leaving a campsite better than they found it.

It was recognized that this was the most successful Stewards Dinner in history, having funded nearly every single project proposed, and a grand total of \$47,565 committed to camp improvement projects. Brittany Dunne was thanked for keeping track of projects that were funded, and motions carried.

There being no further business, Orrin Stanforth, former FSR Camp Director adjourned the meeting by leading the group in Scout Vespers.

2019 Stewards of Firelands

Troop 31	Larry Fildes	Raymond Polson
Marc Amos	C. W. Finley	Dale Resar
David Asher	Larry Foley	Donna Resar
John Baddour	Dr. Bill Fox	Nicholas Resar
Matt Bernotas	Darrell French	Chuck Richter
Jarrold Blundy	Melanie Gerken	Ellen Roberts
Carl Boyles	Rich Geysler	Marc Ryan
Robert Buskey	Richard Goulet	Gil Sanow II
Richard Campenella	Tim Gress	Kathleen Schultz
Culeen Carey	Charles Gundlach III	Greg Schultz
Richard Cloud	John Hamilton	<i>Paul Schultz*</i>
Mike Cloud	Greg Hendricks	<i>Jason Setser*</i>
Greg Coghlan	Steve Heston	<i>Skip Skolnik*</i>
Alex Coker	Alex Heyd	Thomas Smart
Jerome Collins	Danny Jackson	Matt Smith
Donald Day	Justin Jeffery	Megan Stanforth
Dale DeGirolamo	Donald Kaatz	Orrin Stanforth
Elaine DeGirolamo	Bill Kalfs	Rex and Judy Stanforth
Fred Downey	David Keller	Paul Stefanik
Stewart Downey	Dr. Rick Keller	Richard Suhr
Brittany Dunne	Mark Kikta	Danny Thomas
Anthony Dworning	Mark Koch	William Thomasson, Jr.
George Eastman	Ken Kohler	James Tobin
Wesley M. Eddy	Thomas Korner	Mark Weber
John T. Eddy	Harry Larsick	Edward Werner
Wesley Eddy Jr.	Nolan Larsick	<i>Phil Williams*</i>
Greg Eidam	Robert Laser	Rich Wirth
Mark Emery	<i>Josh Lawlis*</i>	Mary Wirth
R. Scott Evans	Alan Lepard	Joseph Wollet
Jay Ewell	Erielhonan Lodge	John A Yarbrough
<i>Jason Ewell*</i>	Mark Lugas	Beverly A Yarbrough
Jonathan Ewell	Larry Luther	Mark Zorn
Justin Ewell	C. Michael Lyons	Jeffrey Zullo
James Ewell Jr	Jay Martin	(In Memory of Bonnie
(In Memory of James A.	Laura Mears	Kerpics)
Ewell Sr.)	John Musson	
John Fabsits	John Nielsen	<i>*New Members</i>
Mark Farrar	The Over the Hill Gang	