

STEWARDS OF FIRELANDS SCOUT RESERVATION MAY 14, 2018

Notes

On May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., the Stewards of Firelands Reservation met at the Lake Lodge. Fred Downey welcomed everyone to the meeting announcing this is the 27th year for the Stewards of Firelands Reservation. Alex Kuhl, representative new Steward and newest Eagle Scout of Troop 31, opened the meeting with the Pledge, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. Ranger Danny Thomas gave a brief overview of last year's projects, including emptying the Lake Lodge for year-round use by enclosing the Handicraft Shelter to house Aquatics equipment and the purchase of another annex for tents and mattresses. Danny indicated the need for a new Blob for the Wyandot Lake. It was announced that it is the plan to finish the last two remaining Staff Cabins at Camp Wyandot with insulation and indoor barn siding. The Stewards thanked Jerome "Shorty" Collins and Beth Baker for providing refreshments. The meeting recessed.

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. Jeffery Zullo led the group in grace, and dinner followed.

Fred announced that this was the 27th annual dinner, with about 90 Stewards in attendance out of over 110 total, 12 of which were new faces. Fred recognized the founding Stewards in attendance, and that Fred's son, Stewart Downey, was able to attend his first Steward's Dinner after recently moving back to Ohio.

Danny Thomas gave a brief recap on last year's Stewards Projects at Camp Avery Hand including an the Fishing Shelter by Waldock Pond, installing new electric lighting around camp, and the well-received wooden bunkbeds in the Family Cabins. Jarrod Blundy, Camp Director, and Danny introduced the full list of proposed projects for 2018 and answered questions from the Stewards.

Danny explained that there were a few projects funded by individuals before motions were proposed:

- David Bosely and Todd Parks of Stellar Solutions donated \$3,500 for a pavilion to be built at the Baden Powell campsite.
- John Baddour committed \$1,200 to a new Gaga Pit for Camp Avery Hand.
- David Asher and Mark Koch donated the \$310 needed for a camp Orienteering Course, proposed by Dave Vick as part of his Wood Badge ticket.
- Justin Jeffery pledged \$250 for the stone needed underneath the Fishing Shelter.
- The Over the Hill Gang provided \$350 for the chair racks needed for the Avery Hand Dining Hall.

Jarrod announced that the Stewards collectively raised \$12,580 to spend on camp improvements. They then opened the floor for motions and discussion of proposed projects. A list of proposed projects was supplied. The following motions were made:

- Greg Coghlan made a motion to put the \$3,000 needed toward the Maze/Bouldering Wall for Camp Avery Hand. Seconded by Orrin Stanforth. Motion carried.
- Dr. Bill Fox made a motion to purchase a new Blob for \$3,500. Discussion included the life expectancy of the Blob. The current one lasted six years of the expected five. Seconded by John Yarbrough. Motion carried.

- Paul Stefanik made a motion to commit the \$4,000 needed for the steel log siding for Lorain Exchange Cabin. Discussion included the life expectancy of over 30 years, less maintenance, and bug resistance. Though pricy, Danny Thomas declared it a good investment. Seconded by Glenn Morrison. Motion carried.
- Danny Jackson made a motion to put the \$1,300 needed toward Family Cabin upgrades. Discussion included that wardrobes, tables and chairs would be included. Seconded by Alex Heyd. Motion carried.
- Greg Coghlan made a motion to put \$690 toward three picnic tables for the Family Cabins. Seconded by David Asher. Motion carried.
- Megan Stanforth made a motion to put the remaining \$90 toward three sections of split rain fence around the Shooting Sports Complex. Seconded by Jared Repas. Motion carried.

The following projects were funded by individuals:

- The remaining picnic tables were purchased at \$230 each by Bob Gentzel, Mark Koch, Orrin Stanforth, Paul Hiszem, Charles Kaman, Harry Larsick, and the Resar Family (2) for a total of \$1,610
- The 37 remaining sections of split rail fence for around the Shooting Sports Complex were purchased at \$30 per section by John & Bev Yarbrough (2), Bob Silvis (2), Rich Wirth, (3), Bob Gentzel (2), Stewart Downey (5), Gil Sanow (5), Scott Evans (5), Danny Jackson (5), Anthony Dworning (2), Culeen Carey (3), and Ellen Roberts (3) for a total of \$1,110.
- The Netting Backstops needed for both Archery Ranges at \$1,000 by Stewart Downey.
- Rock Throwing / Wristrocket Range at \$1,000 by John Hamilton
- Fishing Dock for Waldock Pond at \$7,500 by Erielhonon Lodge (\$500) and Mark Kikta (\$7,000).
- Storage Racks and Bins for Program Supplies in the Avery Hand Dining Hall addition were purchased in divisions of \$100 by Marc Ryan, Fred Downey, Stewart Downey, Joe Wollet, Bob Silvis, Bill Roloff, Alex Heyd, Dale DeGirolamo, Mark Farrar, the Resar Family, and Mark Kikta (5) for a total of \$1,500.
- The interior finishing of one staff cabin by Jarrod Blundy (\$400), Carl Boyles (\$400), John Fabsits (\$400), Anthony Dworning (\$200), Gil Sanow (\$100), Fred Downey (\$200), Culeen Carey (\$100), and Greg Coghlan (\$100) for a total of \$2,000.
- Concrete for the Fishing Shelter at Waldock Pond by Steve Heston (\$1,000), and Dr. Bill Fox (\$1,400) for a total of \$2,400.
- Wooden bunkbeds for Lorain Exchange Cabin for Dr. Rick Keller at \$1,280. Dr. Keller will also write to the Frohman Foundation, which he believes will fund the wooden bunkbeds for Frohman Cabin at \$960.
- The remaining chair rack for the Lake Lodge at \$350 by Ellen Roberts.
- Refinishing the interior of Lorain Exchange Cabin with barn siding, drop ceiling, and LED lighting by John Nielsen (\$1,000), Mark Lugas (\$500), Jason Urban (\$200), and Ed Werner (\$100) for a total of \$1,800.
- In addition, Matt Smith donated 100 solar panels to for use on various shelters around camp.

It was recognized that this was perhaps the most successful Stewards Dinner in history, having funded nearly every single projects proposed, and a grand total of \$40,700 committed to camp improvement projects. Megan Stanforth was thanked for keeping track of projects that were funded, and Lake Erie Council Communications Executive Anthony Dworning for keeping notes on the meeting's motions.

Jarrold Blundy, Reservation Director, gave an update on Summer Camping program. He expressed the exciting year Firelands has experienced, and the success of the summer programs in 2017. There were

over 500 campers and leaders who attended Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, Webelos Exploration Camp, and Family Camps last summer. The dedication and enthusiasm of the staff was recognized as key to the success, as well of the trust of the Scouting community as Firelands' mission was refocused. For 2018, there are already more campers signed up for resident camps than in 2017, with a month and a half left to register. Jarrod reminded everyone that Cub Scouting is being opened to the full family in June and that there will likely be a wave of young girls excited to experience camp this summer. Year-round programming is also going strong with new Cub Scout and family events, large scale Boy Scout events, and programs offered by Camp Hosts each weekend to Units.

Carl Boyles, Director of Support Services thanked the Stewards for a great night for Scouting. He also thanked the teams of people who support the camp during the rest of the year including the Over the Hill Gang for their weekly service contributions, and the Properties Committee led by Dr. Rick Keller.

Scout Executive, Marc Ryan, recognized the visionary leadership of Fred Downey for founding the Stewards and being integral to its continuation for 27 years. He restated that Firelands is key to the future of Scouting in Northeast Ohio, and that he is excited to experience the program firsthand this summer with his son at Webelos Exploration Camp.

Danny Thomas thanked Beth Baker and Shorty Collins again for their preparation of the refreshments, and Bill Roloff for cooking the excellent steak dinner.

There being no further business, CJ Howard, Lodge Chief for Erielhonan Lodge adjourned the meeting by leading the group in Scout Vespers.

2018 Stewards of Firelands

Troop 31	Jim Ewell Jr.	Kenneth Kohler	Gregory Schultz
Marc Amos	James A Ewell Sr.	Raymond Konko	William Semans, DDS
David Asher	John Fabsits*	Terry Korzan	Robert Silvis
John Baddour	Mark Farrar*	Thomas Kromer	Roger Simpson
Matt Bernotas	Larry Fildes	Harry Larsick	Thomas Smart
Laurence Bettcher	CW Finley	Nolan Larsick	Matt Smith*
Robert Bickley	Larry Foley	Mark Lugas	Megan Stanforth
Jarrold Blundy	Dr. William Fox	Lawrence Luther	Orrin Stanforth
Carl Boyles	Darrell French	In Memory of Margaret A. Keller	Rex and Judy Stanforth
Robert Buskey	Robert Gentzel	Jay Martin	Paul Stefanik
Richard Campanella	Richard Geysler	Glenn G. Morrison	Richard Suhr
Culeen Carey*	Richard Goutlet	John Musson	Daniel Thomas
Richard Cloud	Tim Gress	Tom Myers	Scott Timple
Michael Cloud	Charles Gundlach III	Patrick Navin*	James Tobin
Greg Coghlan	John Hamilton	John Nielsen	Jason Urban*
Alex Coker*	Greg Hendricks	Ray Polson	John Volchko
Jerome Collins	Alex Heyd	In Memory of Renna Gail Miller Rosson	Mark Weber
Don Day	Paul Hiszem	Nicholas Resar	Edward Werner
Dale DeGirolamo	Danny Jackson	Dale Resar	Rich Wirth
Elaine DeGirolamo	In Memory of James Michael Bruner	Donna Resar	Joseph Wollet
Fred Downey	Justin Jeffery	Chuck Richter	Erielhonan Lodge*
Stewart Downey	Donald Kaatz	Ellen Roberts*, In Memory of Lee Miller	Skip Woods
Brittany Dunne	Chuck Kaman	Bill Roloff*	John A. Yarbrough
Anthony Dworning*	Bob Kaman	Bill Rundle	Beverly A. Yarbrough
John Eddy	David Keller	Marc Ryan*	Gina Zuccolotto*
Wesley A. Eddy	Dr. Richard Keller	Gil Sanow	Jeffrey Zullo, In Memory of Richard D. Zullo
Wesley Eddy Jr.	Richard Keller II*	Paul Sanow	
Greg Eidam	Mark Kikta	Kathleen Schultz	
Mark Emery	Mark Koch		
Jay A Ewell			

*New Members