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Friends of Fort Worden Annual Meeting

20 March 2015

Company A, the Commons, Fort Worden State Park

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Patience Rogge

Board Members Present:

Patience Rogge
Ron Kubec
Gwen Lovett
Zan Manning
Kevin Alexander
Bill Trafton
Tim Caldwell
Dave Robison - PDA
Jill DeCianne - PDA
Brian Hageman- Park Mgmt.
Frances Andrews - Bookkeeping

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from the February 20, 2015 meeting were submitted to board members by email for approval.

Introduction of New Board Members:

New members of the board were welcomed to the meeting by Rogge. Introduction of officers; Patience Rogge – president, Kevin Alexander – vice president, Zan Manning – secretary. The position of treasurer has not yet been selected.

State of Friends of Fort Worden report:

Rogge announced the finances are sound and commends former treasurer, David Sepler for his work.

She reports that the membership is growing and thanked Ron Kubec for his efforts as Membership Chair. Present membership is around 150 with plans to increase enrollment through future activities. The Trail Team was recognized for their part in revitalizing membership.

Trail Team leader, Jan North reported on the success of the recent work party to pull Scot's Broom around the Mule Barn area. Plans are underway for an Earth Day work party in the Park.

Rogge reported on the plans to relocate the gift shop/visitor center from the Guardhouse to allow for conversion into a pub/cafe. Several options have been discussed with the PDA for where the gift shop/visitor center will be moved but no decisions have been made as yet. Rogge says the membership will be informed once a plan is in place. She responded to a question from membership about the specific options by saying a move to the Commons, the Park Office or to CAM have all being considered. In response to a question about who makes the relocation decision Rogge answered, the PDA, Parks Management and the Friends of Fort Worden will ultimately decide.

She announced future plans for the Friends include involvement in a Fort-2-Fort Bike Ride, the Jefferson County Fair, the Rhody Parade, and the Open House at the Fort.

Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Volunteerism:

Awards were given to three volunteers for their outstanding volunteerism in 2014. Certificates were given to Melanie Bozak, for her work as bookkeeper for the Gift Shop, Claude Manning for his work and leadership in the development of the Fort Worden Trail Map, and Jan North for establishing the Trail Team. Their names were added to a plaque to be displayed in the visitors' center.

A prize was awarded to Tim Leto for being the first person of the evening to become a new member of the Friends of Fort Worden.

Rogge introduced Bob and Carol Huber, Roger and Robin Grace gift shop hosts and acknowledged their fine work.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. by Patience Rogge. Guest speaker, Mavis Amundson to follow. Her talk is entitled "Stories Hidden in Plain Sight".

Secretary
Friends of Fort Worden

Date of Approval