

Scandia Park and Recreation Committee
Minutes
Monday, November 3, 2008

Members Present: Karen Schik, Joan Benner, Mike Goeken, Dan Skupien, Tom Vogen, Tom Triplett, Matt Rasmussen, Alex Bildeaux

Members Absent: Edward Ruf

Guests: Anne Hurlburt

1. **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from October 6, 2008 were unanimously approved.
2. **Friends of Scandia Parks-** Tom T. reported:
 - Approximately 140 members had committed thus far;
 - The first meeting was held on Oct. 30th;
 - The group has collected \$1000 in dues/donations to date;
 - The first member meeting will be held in January.
 - Finances will be handled by the MN Parks and Trails Council.
3. **Vinterfest-** Joan reported that she attempted to contact Ann Bancroft without success. Anne Hurlburt reported that the horse-drawn sleigh ride provider (from previous years) has gone out of business. A general planning discussion ensued, which resulted in the following action items being assigned:
 - Joan to ask around for other horse sleigh options;
 - Dan to look into a snow sculpting demo;
 - Snow “sculpting” subcommittee formed (Dan, Matt, Mike, Alex);
 - Karen to follow-up on cross country skiing demo;
 - Matt to follow-up with Meisters regarding an “after event” activity;
 - Matt to contact Elim about sled hill use;
 - Anne to ask Edward to create the event flier.
4. **Open Gym-** Mike reported that dates are now reserved, and that we presently only have staff for four weekends. A discussion followed regarding expanding the number of days, but consensus to leave it at four days was reached.
5. **Tubing Event-** A general planning discussion was had regarding the Dec. 27th event.
6. **Greenway Planning-** Karen reported that she and Anne are investigating the possibility of DNR grants. She added that County funding from last year’s

referendum will be coming in 2009, but we must wait for more information to become available before further plans can be made.

7. **WIP-** Karen announced Council approval of funding (up to \$2000) for road signage to be ordered from the DNR. A robust discussion followed regarding the style of trail markers to be employed. The choice of post vs. tree mounted was the primary subject of debate, and no consensus reached.
8. **Summer Rec Programs-** Marty's 2009 proposal was discussed, the primary issue of focus being participation levels. It was suggested by some that more all-day activities should be included. Others proposed that community teens should be solicited to assist and to boost the sense of community in the program. Everyone agreed that more analysis of past history and more strategic planning was necessary to bring attendance back to previous levels.
9. **Next meeting-** Monday, Dec. 1, 2008
10. **Meeting adjourned-** Karen