

## STEWARDS OF FIRELANDS RESERVATION MAY 1, 2017

### Notes

On May 1, 2017 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 26<sup>th</sup> year for the Stewards of Firelands Reservation. Jackson Penwell, 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 and indicated the need for storage space to empty out the Lake Lodge. It was announced that it is the plan to put a full kitchen into the Lake Lodge to make viable for year-round use. 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 Big Dog Catering for their continued support in catering the event. Fred took time to recognize those supporters who passed away in the last year, including Big Dog himself, and Jim Mears. The group was led in in grace, and dinner followed.

Fred announced that this was the 26<sup>th</sup> annual dinner, with about 60 stewards in attendance, 10 of which were new faces. Fred recognized Dick Suhr who built the original Stewards sign which hangs in the Avery Hand Dining Hall. He also recognized Bob Gentzel, an Eagle Scout, who has attended both Firelands Scout Reservation and Beaumont Scout Reservation. Dr. Richard Keller was also recognized as the Chairman of the Firelands Properties Committee, Marc Ryan as the Scout Executive, Carl Boyles as the Director of Support Services, Jarrod Blundy as the new Camp Director and his new fiancé, Jordan Moore, and Brittany Dunne as a Program Executive.

Jarrold Blundy, Reservation Director, gave an update on Summer Camping program. He expressed the welcome that he has felt from the Scouting community at Firelands, and excitement for the four programs that would be offered for Cub Scouts at Firelands this summer. There are over 400 cubs and leaders registered for Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, Webelos Exploration Camp, and Family Camps so far, with more coming every day. There are about 45 staff members hired to work all summer and are from all parts of the new council. Some recent improvements include a Human Foosball Court donated by Portage Lodge, and a revamped Webelos program that takes advantage of Camp Wyandot.

Danny Thomas gave a recap on last year's Stewards Projects including an ADA compliant ramp to the Stewards Shelter, a 40-foot storage container, a new steamtable, tents, tent frames and platforms, recently completed electricity to the Avery Hand Shooting Sport Complex. Some individual contributions paid for a drill press for the Cub Craft building, door latches, roofing for the Willard Shelter, outhouse repair, and fencing around the sewer system.

Jerome "Shorty" Collins thanked the Stewards for the steamtable. It has made serving countless meals much easier over the last year. Greg Coghlan gave an update from Portage Lodge. They have donated about \$3,500 and member service for the Human Foosball Court, \$1,000 for new tools, and an estimated 3,700 hours of service. At the upcoming Section Conclave, the three current lodges of our council will merge. The two southern districts of Portage Lodge will join Sippo Lodge. The two northern districts will

become part of the new Erielhonan Lodge. Gil Sanow and friends will replace the Portage sign at the OA Circle with an Erielhonan one.

Danny explained that there were a few projects that were funded by individuals beforehand.

- Bill Thomasson donated \$1,200 for new ceiling fans at the Lake Lodge
- Stuart Wells donated \$500 toward LED lighting at the Camp Store and Campmaster Cabin. John Baddour donated the remaining \$800 for that project
- Mike Cloud donated \$1,000, Larry Bettcher donated \$1,000, Steve Hesten donated \$2,000, and Fred Downey donated \$2,000 to fund the material to enclose the Handicraft Shelter with garage doors.

Fred and Danny announced that the Stewards had \$8,500 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:

- Paul Stefanik made a motion to purchase one 40-foot storage container at \$3,500. Seconded by Chuck Gundlach; motion carried.
- Orrin Stanforth made a motion to put \$400 toward chairs at the Lake Lodge. Seconded by Rich Wirth; motion carried.
- Justin Jeffery made a motion to put \$3,000 toward decking for swimming dock at Camp Wyandot. Seconded by David Keller; motion carried.
- Greg Coghlan made a motion to put \$1,600 toward lumber for Staff Cabin bunk beds. Seconded by Roger Simpson; motion carried.

The following projects were funded by individuals:

- Decking for the Wyandot Boating Dock at \$1,000 by Dr. Richard Keller
- Fishing Pavilion for Waldock Pond at \$4,100 by Mark Kikta
- Chair Rack for Lake Lodge at \$350 by the Over the Hill Gang
- 50 chairs for the Lake Lodge at \$1,000 by Bill Kalfs; 10 chairs at \$200 by Matt Bernotas; 10 chairs at \$200 by Harry Larsick; 5 chairs at \$100 by Portage Lodge; 5 chairs at \$100 by Mark Koch.
- Decking for the Wyandot Swimming Dock at \$500 by the Resar Family

Fred recognized four of the original Stewards in attendance. Danny thanked the Over the Hill Gang for their weekly contribution of time and effort.

Carl Boyles, Director of Support Services thanked the Stewards for a great night for Scouting, and shared the poem, "Up North," by Sam Cook.

Scout Executive, Marc Ryan, recognized the visionary leadership of Fred Downey for founding the Stewards and being integral to its continuation for 26 years. He restated the council's intention to double-down on camp properties to attract families so that we can change lives. He announced that the council is now accepting submissions for a new name and patch design, to be decided on by the youth of the council in June.

Fred thanked Beth Baker and Shorty Collins again for their preparation of the refreshments, and Danny.

There being no further business, Jackson Penwell adjourned the meeting by thanking the Stewards for their continued support to helping young men become leaders.

## 2017 Stewards of Firelands Scout Reservation

Marc Amos	Melanie Gerken	Nicholas Resar
David Asher	Rich Geyser	Dale Resar
John Baddour	Richard Goulet	Donna Resar
<i>Matt Bernotas*</i>	Tim Gress	Chuck Richter
Larry Bettcher	Chuck Gundlach III	Patrick Salem
<i>Jarrold Blundy*</i>	John Hamilton	Paul Sanow
<i>Carl Boyles*</i>	Steve Heston	Gil Sanow II
Bob Buskey	Alex Heyd	Kathy Schultz
Dick Campanella	Paul Hiszem	Roger Simpson, Jr.
Mike Cloud	Justin Jeffery	Tom Smart
Rick Cloud	Bill Kalfs	<i>Justin Stahler*</i>
Greg Coghlan	Rick Keller	Rex Stanforth
Shorty Collins	David Keller	Judy Stanforth
Don Day	Mark Kikta	Orrin Stanforth
Elaine DeGirolamo	Mark Koch	Megan Stanforth
Dale DeGirolamo	Jason Konstandtinidis	Paul J. Stefanik
Fred Downey	Nolan Larsick	Paul A. Stefanik, Sr.
Charlie Doyle	Harry Larsick	Danny Thomas
<i>Charlie Doyle*</i>	Alan Lepard	Bill Thomasson, Jr.
<i>Brittany Dunne*</i>	Mark Lugas	Jim Tobin
George Eastman	Larry Luther	<i>Troop 31*</i>
Greg Eidam	Mike Lyons	Mark Weber
Mark Emery	Jay Martin	Stuart Wells
Jay Ewell	Jack Martin	Ed Werner
Jim Ewell, Jr.	Earl McGimpsey	Rich Wirth
<i>John Fabsits*</i>	Joan Mears	Mary Wirth
C.W. Finley	Glenn Morrison	Skip Woods, III
Bill Fox	Over the Hill Gang	John Yarbrough
Darrell French	Ray Polson	Bev Yarbrough
Bob Gentzel	Portage Lodge 619, OA	Jeff Zullo

*\*New Member*