

Friends of Rouge Park Meeting
Sept. 17, 2008

Attendance: Martha Gruelle, Paul Stark, Sally Petrella, Thomas McNulty, Janice Siomba-Koss, Robert Engle, Leon Ryktarsyk, Chester Marvin, Eric Tomlinson, Sharon Miudoch, Lisa Goldsmith, Di Allgood

Minutes: accepted as read

Treasurer's Report-(Chester) Total: \$1815.02 Donations toward run: \$1330.00. Six runner applications received so far.

Membership Report Tom McNulty. 38 individual/family and 9 organizational memberships. 47 total. Sharon agreed to call lapsed members to ask them to renew memberships.

Presidents Report:

Frank Nemecek drafted letter to Ken Cockrel urging him to make public safety the number one issue of his administration. We voted unanimously to support the letter once it is approved by the WCO board.

Grant

The city is getting close to getting the grant money from the Great Lakes Commission for Rouge Park Appreciation Day. Once they receive it, they will be able to reimburse us.

Board Elections

Election will be at the October meeting. No new nominations were made. It was decided that we should invite membership to run for positions via email message, including list of duties for each position.

Organizational Reports

FWDCA (Di Allgood): CB patrol starting in next few weeks. 25 volunteers so far.

Buffalo Soldiers (Lisa Goldsmith): They are working on insulating stables for the winter. Pony Rides are offered every Saturday. They have raised about \$300 each day. Cider Ride Oct. 18.

Elite Archery (Eric Tomlinson): He is working with city to put posts in to secure the archery targets. Two archers from Michigan will be competing in the Junior Olympics in Turkey.

Leon Ryktarsyk from the Strathmoor line-controlled model airplane club introduced himself to the organization.

Sally suggested idea of a "Rouge Park Activity Day: Discover Your Park!" where every group in the park hosts an event (DAM, Archery, Horses, etc.)

5K RUN/WALK

- Finally got approval from City Council for the run on 9/16.
 - Sponsorships: totaling \$1801 have been received so far.
 - Budget: Expenses so far: \$422 (\$1100 that needs to be spent).
 - Donations: Gabe helped with beverage donations.
 - Runners: 9 total
 - Signs: three large double-sided signs will be placed in the park advertising the run.
 - Logo is done and ready.
- We need:
- Finish Line
 - Mile Markers (Paul)
 - Sponsorship Recognition Signs
 - Signs on Plymouth Rd. (Paul)
 - Discussed raffle, EMS presence.

Next mtg 10/15/08 6pm at the Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Center