

August FFINS Board Meeting Minutes  
August 8th, 2017– 6:20pm start  
Watch Hill Ferry Terminal  
150 West Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

Attendees: David Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Kelly Fellner, Kaetlyn Jackson, Brian O’Keefe, Irene Rosen, Renee Kantro

July meeting minutes approved.

1. Treasurer’s Report- Dave Hensen
  - ~\$600 - \$700 increase since June 2017 due proceeds from Paumanok Fundraiser- “Sunset Soiree”.
2. Discover Fire Island Event- August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - At Watch Hill Ferry Terminal.
  - Renee will set up a FFINS display.
3. Stony Brook University International Student Day
  - September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - 10:30 am ferry from Sayville Ferry Terminal to Sailor’s Haven. 3:00 pm ferry back to Sayville Ferry Terminal.
  - FFINS will pay for one bus. A \$400 stipend will be given to Don Hester to support the activities at his home in Cherry Grove for the day.
  - FFINS will supply food and snacks.
  - FINS will have to make sure there are ocean lifeguards for the day of the event.
4. Upcoming events/ announcements:
  - Fire Island Multicultural Family Fun Day/ Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour- August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Committee planning meeting held right before FFINS Board Meeting today.
  - Pollinator Garden every Saturday at Watch Hill Ferry Terminal 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
  - FINS Summer Program is posted- check out these events/programs.
  - Fire Island Light House Terrace project completed.
  - Watch Hill marina project is extended.
  - “Sunset Soiree” held July 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 4-6 pm at Paumanok Veterinary Hospital was a success. Kelly Fellner attended.
  - Appalachian Mountain Club- still trying to make a connection with staff and plan an event for the future.
  - FI Lighthouse Barefoot Black Tie Event- August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Sarah Schaefer will attend the event and Dave Hensen will cover the cost for her and one other ticket.

5. Friends of Acadia National Park Visit
  - Dave Hensen plans to meet with the President of this Friends group.
6. National Park Conservation Association- Northeast Friends Convention (NPCA-NE) at Hyde Park, NY- October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
7. National Park Foundation (NPF) Friends Alliance meeting at Acadia National Park- October 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - Dave suggests that a member of FFINS should attend this meeting.
8. FFINS Constitution and By-Laws
  - Brian O'Keefe circulated draft documents to the group and incorporated edits and suggestions he received.
  - FFINS accepted the Constitution and By-Laws during July FFINS Board Meeting.
9. FINS/ FFINS Agreement
  - Document needs to be drafted.
  - After Agreement is finalized a workplan and fundraising plan will need to be done to outline what will be planned for the next year.. The plans will be written every fall with FINS guidance and will need to align with NPS goals and mission.
  - A template is already available for the Agreement- appropriate edits will need to be made.
10. FFINS Website Updates- Sarah Schaefer
  - Michael Polzella has offered to improve/ update the FFINS website starting within the coming year.
  - The website updates will prompt improved FFINS branding: i.e. FFINS logo, letterhead, and color scheme.
  - FFINS board members approve the upcoming website improvements/ updates.