

Friends of Midway State Park

Summary of June 25, 2011

Attending: Bob Wooler, Kathie McCarthy, Pat Locke, Bob Reynolds, Rich Hartmann, Zac Lees, Matt Kraft, and Ren Collins.

I. Update and Status:

- 80 plants planted on June 4 to establish a lakeside buffer zone.
- Paid membership stands at 45
- 2011 Campaign for Midway: Fireworks fund has \$2,900; Carousel fund about \$400

II. Carousel rounding board restoration:

- Are there any pictures of original boards from 1946? Ron Gustafson will be asked.
- The Friends will reach out to local artists to see if there is interest in restoring the boards, preferably one artist for each of the scenes. We have photos of current panels before they faded. We will need UV resistant paints. Work will be done in 2012 so it can be returned to the restored roundhouse in 2013. Later this summer we will have pricing information on carousel horse restoration.

III. Skee Ball Roll-a-Thon:

- Set for July 24, Noon-5 pm proceeds to benefit the Carousel restoration fund.
- To promote it: posters at the park, flyers to distribute, Post-Journal article, WJTN, ad in Chautauqua Daily, Time Warner (with letter to bring a team to participate.)
- Bob will write a letter to solicit gift items for Chinese auction – tourist, restaurant, etc.
- Park will donate wristbands for nonprofit gift packages.

IV. Midway Couples Reunion, August 20

- Promote through Post-Journal article: Sharon Tourano or Dave Emke.
- Produce posters this week and put up at Midway prior to July 4.
- WJTN/WWSE. Radio remote on the day?
- Food with J-Con catering; everyone bring a dish/old photos
- 4 – 7 pm
- Story booth
- Photographer
- DJ. With online RSVPs, ask about favorite Midway song.
- 50-50 drawings to benefit restoration fund

V. Friends Information and Membership table – July 4 5-9 pm

- Membership information, donation jars, magnet sales
- Matt will staff 5-6; Bob/Kathie and Pat/Bill from 6-9.