



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7:00 AM

Zoo Admin 702 S Randall Ave

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A. Call To Order

Present 6 - ANNE ROSS, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, JEFFREY GUNDERSON,
JONATHAN BECKER, SARA ESKRICH, and SARAH JUSTUS
Absent 1 - CHRIS HENDERSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

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C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

Zoo Director Report

Ronda Schwetz reported Zoo updates: Animal updates included updates on the twin lion cubs born end of February, the rhino renovation and shipment details, twin Geoffrey's marmosets that were born in March, the AI procedure for female polar bear, Berit and addition of a male black and white ruffed lemur and female otter in quarantine. Capital project updates included the recent rhino area improvements, the primate HVAC replacement and playground project improvements to start in June. Henry Vilas Zoo hosted the Bear Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) post conference trip on May 11th with 30 attendees from North America. Other updates included staffing updates with keepers and the retirement of General Curator, Jeff Stafford on May 23rd after 20 years of service.

Zoo Society Report

Alison Prange, Executive Director of the Zoo reported: The the Grille and gift shop hosted a job fair and that the upper concessions, Badger Bites and the mining sloop would be open mid-May for the season. She mentioned that in 2016 there were over 600 zoo volunteers and over 25,000 volunteer hours given. Event updates included Rendezoo on June 9th with over 20 restaurants participating, members night on May 11th, corporate nights which have sold out and looking ahead at the 2017 Zoo Lights. They are looking to hire a Development Director and mentioned that the lion cub announcement had over 200,000 likes on Facebook, the most ever for the zoo.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

Minutes taken on May 2, 2017 by Ronda Schwet and subject to final approval by Zoo Commission.