

**Dane County
Henry Vilas Zoo Commission
Minutes**

Zoo Administration Building
7:00am, July10, 2018

Members present: Jonathan Becker, Chuck Erickson, Alan Arnsten, Sarah Justice, Jeff Gunderson and Anne Ross, Tom Hanson (in place of Chris Henderson)

Also present: Alison Prange, Ronda Schwetz, Erik Anderson

Members Absent: Chris Henderson

Meeting called to order by Chuck Erickson at 7:05 a.m. in Zoo Administration Office.

Motion by Sarah Justice and seconded by Jeff Gunderson approve amended minutes from the previous meeting for March 6, 2018. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports to Committee:

Ronda Schwetz, Executive Director of the Zoo reported Zoo updates: Animal updates acquisition of a male polar bear, Nuniq, owned by Henry Vilas Zoo. The female polar bear, Berit, has been denned up in case of pregnancy until the end of the year. Other updates include report out on Ronda Schwetz, Joe Myszkowski and Elise Gorchel's trip to Borneo where they visited orangutan and sun bear rehabilitation sites and planted and maintained over 400 trees for establishing a wildlife corridor. The University of Wisconsin Vet School has gotten the veterinary services contract starting in 2019. Facilities updates include updates on the Herpetarium roof which needs to have mold removed for 2019. The final budget for 2019 was shared.

Alison Prange, President of the Zoo Society reported: This is year 3 of the annual, "Feed the Zoo" campaign. The Society received the philanthropic agency of the year award. Brew Lights will be on November 28th with 25 breweries. Zoo lights starts on November 14 and runs Thursday – Sunday through January 1st. The new website has launched. The second annual SOS (Save Our Species) lunch will be held on February 12th.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00am in the Zoo Administration Building.

Minutes taken on, November 13, 2018 by Ronda Schwetz and subject to final approval by Zoo Commission.