**HSC Foundation, Inc.**

**Minutes December 8, 2023**

Attendees: Richard Pershinske, Patricia Schiefer, Teresa Schanski, John MacFarland, Andrew Alvesteffer, Joel Schultz, Matt Lawrence and Mike Christensen (guest)

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Teresa Schanski made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 10, 2023 as written, Joel Schultz seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Edward Jones total as of 11/24/23 was $39,444.07. Stock = $11,754.14.

Money Market = $23,039.25 and Cash = $4,650.68. Balance in Youth in Outdoor = $2,702.60. The balance at TACU is $600.61.

Joel asked for an agenda addition for Raffle. Matt will check with John Jacobsen on the status of the dock donation implementation.

Legacy and Memorial Park: No update

MOU Revisions: Heidi Washington (TLA) has agreed to review.

Meet and Greet: Matt has reserved the Activities Building for July 2024 and suggested we get a working group together.

Recycling: The state mandate has not been sent out. EUP Regional Planning and counties (Luce, Mackinac and Chippewa) are waiting. Teresa has talked to Jeff Hagan and Tracey Purrenhage. When asked, Joel said he did not know what the tribe was doing at this time. There will be a 12 member board appointed.

Children’s Endowment: Scholarship fund started at $15,000.00 and Dick estimates it will reach $50,000.00 and he will write the fundamental basis of the fund.

Rivalry: No update

Grant Writing Status: The DNR Fisheries Grant has been submitted for One Mile Creek and Cold Creek for a total of $72,000.00. It is most likely that One Mile will be approved and good possibility Cold Creek also. Mark Schiefer will make the final submission by the due date after suggestions with relevant changes are included.

EUP Youth Substance Use Disorder Initiative: Dr. Swangler is no longer at HNJH. We are exploring other providers. LMAS provides a counselor at Engadine Consolidated Schools. Her name is Michelle Curtis-Nutkins. She will be counselling remotely. The private drug settlement in Michigan will be an 18-year payout of $15,000.00 annually. Dick will be included on that board.

Legacy Giving: An option to contribute to the Foundation will be included in the club’s annual dues statement mailing. Matt will see if there can be a Council Fire article written.

Newton Township agreement: On hold

Membership Drive: Accepted what Joel and Teresa have written and sent to the board.

Social Media: Facebook post about Meet and Greet done by Jen Baxter.

Strategic/Future Planning: Teresa, Joel and Matt to meet

Youth Outdoor Recreation: Welcomed Mike Christensen, Pass it On, shared the history of their outdoor mentor program. They are currently active in Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, and Wisconsin with the next two states to implement being Missouri and Kentucky. Dick suggests pursuing with Michigan DNR and Joel suggests grant writing for support. Mike outlined the following: two to three year contract with a need for $200,000 for two years with a start date of 2025. Joel and Mike will put something together. Dick will try to find additional partners. This would include liability insurance of $30,000.

Pat Schiefer made a motion to accept the resignation of Angie McArthur from our board, Joel Schultz seconded, motion carried. Dick Pershinske made a motion to accept the resignation of John Swangler from our board, Pat Schiefer seconded, motion carried. We discussed Joel’s recommendations to perhaps change or add to our board people from outdoor businesses/corporations.

Raffle: Joel shared that he has secured the donation of two sets of binoculars and a rifle and additional rifles at a discounted price. He proposes raising $1800.00 selling one ticket for $5.00. A raffle permit needs to be investigated.

Venmo: Recently set up by Pat Schiefer with funds linked to TACU.

Joel Schultz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am, Teresa Schanski seconded, motion carried.