

Old Fort Commission Minutes

July 15, 2015

Present: Dave Moehn, Carol Foss, Chuck Ford, Russell Savage, Dr. Eugene Watkins, Linda Baxter, John Luna

Guests: Andy Andrews, Ted Kolbert

Meeting called to order 5:30 p.m. by Moehn.

Approval of minutes: Foss moved, Ford seconded

Site Manager's Report: On June 20, windstorm knocked down pickets on west wall; new pickets getting cut.

This season has had guests from 17 countries, 42 states, and 73 Iowa cities thus far.

We will have to work on budget this November and December as Fort will need about 10 more employees when Viking Cruise Line is operating. In 2018 we expect 2,000 cannon firings.

Have had 2 tours from private schools in Chicago.

On July 4th had 100 visitors. Gift Shop receipts from that day was \$1,060. For that week it was \$1996. Those who helped that volunteered to help that weekend were Chuck Ford and family, Tim Gilbert, Shelly Dowling, Ted Kolbert, Vince Hilgartner, and Tim Watkins. "Gator Guys" star was here.

Income Expense Report: Not submitted

Gift Shop Report: Baxter showed income and attendance records for June.

Old Business: Need a new member.

New Business: Andy Andrews gave report of Friends of Old Fort Madison receiving Title for Battlefield Site as of July 1st.

August 1st and 2nd Military Heritage Weekend

Rodeo Weekend Siege: 13 Reenactors coming from Fort Osage. Possibly 8 Native Reenactors, Fife and Drum Corp—still need \$450 plus \$200-\$300 for food. Union Presbyterian Church will be putting up Fife and Drum Corp overnight.

Reenactors from Fort Osage and Fife and Drum Corp will be in Rodeo Parade.

Adjournment: Ford moved, Foss seconded. 6:20 p.m.