

**Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes (Annual Meeting)**  
**Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Waspi River Center -6:00 P.M**

**Present:** Lucia Dryanksi, Ingrid Bogdanowicz, Dave Murcia, Bill Robbins, Carol Rogers, Dotti and Jerry Wala, Mike Granger, Amy Newmann, Erma Wizmann and K.J. Rebarcak

**Minutes from May approved as mailed with note that Bill and Lucia were present.**

**Treasurer's Report:** 9,492.54 current bank balance. This includes \$350.00 for Lower Wapsi Cleanup. Have a donation from C.R. Hanna of Orion, IL. Pop money and money from the donation box was turned in. Pop has been ordered and bank statements received. Bill and Carol will arrange to meet for Bill to be able to sign checks in Carol's absence. Dottie has been on the account but with her winter absence the change will need to be made.

**Staff Report:** Alex Peeler will intern for the summer for 30-40 hours per week. Amy of Americorps is back from a service day in Buchanan County. AmeriCorps will do a project in July. Big pond has been cleared of brush surrounding the dam. The haven't returned to assess the situation of why it leaks. They think it might be a tile. It might need to be lined. (When the pond is fixed we will be able to do programs on site). Our mowing is assisted by staff from West Lake Park. They do South end of the park. LeRoy does the North end. The door of the Cabin has been repaired. The soft part of the Road has been fixed. Working around the Aquatic Lab clearing poison ivy and brush. Outlet at the Redtail Lodge has been fixed. Pop machine is at the Eco Center. Air conditioning has been installed at Redtail. Bird seed is in bin by fish tank. Staff are keeping up with the log at the Eco Center. Have re-applied to receive a grant for take me fishing for \$5,000. Our goal is to reach 2,000 students annually. For the same grant last year we reached 2,600 people. We are considered an anchor agency.

Water River trail event will be from Syracuse to Sherman with a portage to the Wapsi Center and Friends providing Lunch. We will plan a preliminary float to assess float. Quad City Enviro-kids program cancelled on June 12<sup>th</sup> due to storm. We try to operate 6 events every 2 weeks. Extreme Cleanup is scheduled for August. Targeting honey suckle. Hope to have 25 participants. We have 33 people signed up for Hunter Safety. We are currently working the next newsletter. Lucia will send in a Friends profile. We want more volunteer voices. We are keeping up the WEB site. Our minutes and newsletters have been included. FROGWARTS children's theatre company will be staying at the center for a week in August. We are progressing on Green Paperless recycling scheduling. Our official education schedule for the school year is finished. We are picking up other groups – libraries, churches. Also doing a lot of offsite presentations. Katie is going to Cedar County to do a snake program. AmeriCorps has a Service day coming up. Ediwild is cancelled due to lack of interest. The AEA didn't get the posting up soon enough. May be we can coordinate with Louisa County next year. Katie wants to do a Sponsor an Animal program to help feed and care for the center's critters. It will be a year long commitment. The Friends will provide refreshments - \$50.00. Carol moved to cover this cost and Bill seconded it. Motion Carried. Shades have been purchased and installed for the birds. Dave found and Carol purchased them. County has cut back on some expenses. Our Great Horned Owl has doubled our animal food costs. Perhaps friends will commit for a year (\$2,400) Our Kestrel is 14 years old and we have notified the Raptor Center we'll hope for a replacement. The sign on the south boundary was stolen, and the Secondary Road Department has replaced it with tamperproof hardware.

**Election of Officers:**

**President** – Dottie Moved that Mike Granger remain – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erma. Vote unanimous.

**Vice President** – KJ moved that Ingrid be VP – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Vote unanimous.

**Treasurer** – Erma moved Carol continue – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dottie. Vote unanimous.

**Secretary** – Dave moved Erma continue – 2<sup>nd</sup> by KJ. Vote unanimous.

**Board of Directors** – Lucia, Bill, Dottie, KJ, Dave Murcia

**Next Meeting – Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 -7:00 P.M. – Wapsi Center**