

Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting

September 16th, 2010

Wapsi River Center

Present: Mike Granger, Warren Wiese, Carol Rogers, Dottie Wala, K.J. Rebarcak, Bob Bryant and Erma Wiszmann

Minutes: Approved as mailed with a correction to note: KJ Rebarcak was present at the August Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Checkbook balance \$8,772.02. Have checks to deposit. Waiting for Bill Robbins to get together to set up new account at IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union as approved at the August meeting.

Staff Report: Dave Murcia attending SC Sustainability plan focus group this evening. LeRoy will be offsite for a few days. The AmeriCorps Grant application is denied - Work is going on the Big Pond. It has been drained. Tree stumps have been removed. All tree stumps have been removed. All trees will be taken off the dam. When properly dry the pond will be re-lined. A Dust application was made. Smell in facilities is a new kind of repellent. Volunteers please remember to leave pertinent notes at the reception desk, especially "needs". Staff is keeping up reception desk calendar. Rentals of the cabin are up. River access steps were covered with mud from the high Water. Our own K. J. left here signature in the mud. Ice dams have been installed on the Pole Barn. Tracks installed in the new pole barn door. Have been working on the flea control in our office. The WREN is out. Lisa has provided an outline for Friends who choose to write a profile for the WREN. September 10th Canoe Kayak was cancelled due to weather. Calendar of events is in the newsletter and on the WEB. Ecology Day, October 9th will start with a canoe float. Programs are art, pottery, nature printing, digital photography. Friends previously approved a supper to be provided. Friends will boil hotdogs and bring salads etc. Animal care bill was reviewed. We will pay \$410.00 as previously approved. We have a couple of animal adoptions. Those funds will be used for animal food. Carol moved the purchase of \$25 dollars worth of fruits and vegetables for the turtles. 2nd by Dottie. Motion carried. Signage for the Eco Center direction being reviewed. When feeding the birds give 2 large mice to the Great Horned Owl and 1 small mouse to each of the 2 small birds. Last Months (August) Minutes will be on the WEEB site as requested by Carol and Bill so they can move forward with changing banks. Dave will make changes with Schnucks. The school schedules are busy. Have had some weekend programs including Foreign Exchange students. The October 2nd Workday was cancelled. Bob Bryant reported finding Blanding turtles - there are 378 different plant species at Nahant. River Action, Eastern Iowa Community College oversee Nahant. EICC, Western Illinois, UNI, and St. Ambrose all hold classes at Nahant. Bob Bryant will teach local flora January through May.

Next Meeting October 21st, 7:00 P.M. at the Wapsi River Center