

**Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting
October 21, 2010 (no November Meeting)
Wapsi River Center**

Present: KJ Rebarcak, Mike Granger, Bob Bryant, Warren Wiese, Carol Rogers, Ingrid Bogdanowicz and Erma Wiszmann

Minutes: Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Are between moving bank account from First Midwest Bank. Their statement is \$1431.08. Have set up with IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union. We are waiting to get that all in one place. Have pop money to deposit, gift purchases, income and donations also to deposit.

Staff Report: Dave Murcia had a commitment to daughter's events so unable to attend. Dave did participate in sustainability planning and focus groups. We are looking for another temporary naturalist. Staff will be attending an IAN conference in Kossuth County. Lisa and Leroy are scheduled to be off for the season around mid November. Amy attended Iowa Water Program. KJ also attended. Moving towards rebuilding the big pond. Rescued 13 - 5 gallon buckets of tadpoles from the big pond as it was being drained. Discussed mix of bullfrog tadpoles with those of other frogs. Not a good idea. There are lots of trees down. The large oak sections will be made into lumber. They have cleaned up the aquatics lab. Need a better door on the Lab - animals are getting in. Rentals of the cabin are going well. Week day use. Redtail kitchen is to be upgraded. Buildings outside lighting needs improved. Sensors are in question. Upcoming programs include creatures of the night with several boy scouts signed up. Girl scouts are signed up for a second night. New evaluations have been created which focus on the Iowa CORE curriculum needs of the schools. Ecology Day was a success. Nahant also had an event the same day. Jessica Stienes, with Lisa's assistance had a women's event at Rock Creek. They did a night hike, solar cooking Etc. They stayed in the Rock Creek A-frame cabins. November 6th there is a Fire in the Hills workshop. Our Wapsi Center will be closed for part of December for the annual deer hunt. We have small mice to feed the birds (2 to kestrel, 1 to screech and 4 to 5 for the GHO).

Most of friends and some staff not available to meet November 11th. Should any action item arise we will do a telephone poll with the executive committee.

Next Meeting will be December 16th at Gander Mountain 7:00 P.M.