

**Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – Wapsi Center**

**Present:** Bill Robbins, Carol Rogers, Dave Murcia, Mike Granger, K.J. Rebarcak, Warren Wiese, Lucia Dryanski, Ingrid Bogdanowicz and Erma Wiszmann.

**Minutes:** Amend to include Secretary Election. Moved By Carol Rogers, 2nded by Lucia Dryanski, Motion Carried. Remainders of minutes were approved as mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$7479.91 in checkbook. We will be writing checks for Ediwild.

**Staff Report:** Dave missed last meeting as uncle had passed away. Amy has resigned. She has finished her degree. Job not available here so is looking for work. We will fill Amy's position with a seasonal employee. Leroy injured himself with boiling water. Has first degree burns. He has been treated and is at home so will be on leave. Aaron is working out well. Lisa has been in and out due to her father's illness. His funeral is tomorrow at 11 A.M. Mike and Aaron will attend a Kayak and Canoe school. Grounds and pond work started. Discrepancies in the measurements were different than the actual topography. Structures will be built and have solar lighting. Plant to replace woodland trail bridge. Expect a grill to be installed at Red Tail Lodge. Girl scouts will do a project. Bird feeder needs replaced and farther from the building to discourage raccoons. Need to work on erosion. Mowing is being kept up. Carol Rogers suggested a project of Chimney Swift towers which Audubon will pay for project and Wapsi will look for a location. Had to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen. This one is energy efficient – it is run on energy less than 60 watt bulb. Keep notes for needs at the desk. Discussed bird seed prices and storability. Mice have become a problem in out buildings. No food or condiments are allowed to be left. IT will replace all computers. Dixon telephone has removed the pay phone which will no longer work and will install a regular phone. Program attendance has gone well. We have had over 20,000 contact hours, 263 public programs. Envirokids had 27 kids, 17 adults. Ediwild had 31 participants. Hunter Education had 34 kids. A Scott County Board member attended as a chaperone. At the watershed fest 170 people attended Birds of Prey. Calendar of events are set. Lucia suggested copies of the events be made and handed out. St Ambrose will be doing an Open house at the Observatory. A program on hunting mammoths and solar cooking is scheduled. A volunteer work day is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. Ecology Day is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Lucia suggested lasagna could be pre-prepared oven read. Option would be outdoor cooking. Mike will investigate possibility and cost. Our owls and kestrel have been groomed and talons and beak coped. The kestrel is 15 years old. A young female kestrel is available and we have decided to accept it. Profile and stories need to be submitted for the WREN. Lucia took a class on Grant Writing. Passed copies to Friends and wants feedback. The Wala's have moved to assisted living. Mike will be in charge of labels.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**7:00 P.M. at the Wapsi River Center**