

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes
Thursday, August 18th, 2011
Wapsi River Center – 7:00 P.M.

Present: Dave Murcia, Carol Rogers, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, Warren Wiese, Julie and Jim Ross, Ingrid Bogdanowicz, and Erma Wiszmann. Due to his Birthday Mike Granger was absent.

Minutes: Dave Murcia moved to remove the address of Lisa from the minutes of July. Seconded by Lucia. Motion Carried. Minutes then Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Check book Balance \$5688.34 plus CD's. Checks for Ediwild have been written also for Dr. Pepper, Snapple and Stamps.

Staffing: Lisa is back on duty following her Father's passing. Mike and Aaron are back from the Iowa DNR Kayak School. Hope to offer more advanced Kayaking. Have hired a Seasonal Naturalist, Jamie Meyer. He is a Luther College graduate. He starts in 2 Weeks for a 32 week term. The Pond Work is close to Completion. Need to seed and provide against erosion. We will use native grasses and forbs. The pond depth is 9 feet – there is 4 acres. The Dam is leaking - they found tree growth caused the leak. It has been corrected and well engineered. There was no need to change the pond bottom. Plan an educational structure with a roof and an above water platform. There is a suggestion of adding a dock and a ramp system. There will be a pit toilet. Hope the educational structure will include storage. A small wetland area will be created near the shooting range trail. An Eagle Scout Project planned is for a small observatory platform, and will meet American Disability Act requirements. Other possible Scout projects may be improving the Bird Feeder and building a bird flyway for our owls and falcons. The Pine tree in front of Redtail lodge was damaged, but now the Grill is up. The sidewalk lights are up. The Dorm Septic tank field permit requires a field study against discharge. None was observed. We need to report monthly. The County Board has approved a Youth Mentored Deer Season for Bows – no Guns. The ages approved are 12 to 15 on Weekends or holiday. Signs to lead to the Eco Center have been provided by Clinton County. Be sure to keep NEEDS recorded at the Desk. The Carpet will be repaired. Phone by Redtail will be posted for Emergency only and will only be used to reach 911. Closest responders are Dixon or Wheatland. We are waiting for paper work and will get the Female Kestrel. We discussed the introduction of the new bird. The Volunteer workday was discussed (Saturday, September 10th, 2011. Lucia will plan refreshments. On our Fall Ecology Day the Natural Area Guardians will be planning a supper of "pioneer vittles" on October 1st. Our Bull Snake died of Old Age. Also our large snapping turtle is gone. We have purchased atlats for programming. Erma move that the Grant that Lucia is working on be approved and sent to Roger Kean. 2nd by Carol and the motion carried. Dave will submit it at the Next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 15th - - 7:00 P.M. at the Wapsi Center.