

Friends of the Wapsi River Center Minutes

Thursday, November 17th, 2011

Gander Mountain

Present: Bob Bryant, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, K.J. Rebarcak, Julie Ross, Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Melissa Jacobsen, Ingrid Bogdanowicz and Erma Wizsmann

Minutes: Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Check Book balance 6,023.74. Have deposited \$1,479.09 for River Clean up bills are Paid. \$247.51 in Black. Have received, so far \$575.00 in Memorials for Dottie Wala who was of our Friends Group.

Minutes: The next friends newsletter will contain a write-up about Dottie. Please provide stories and Pictures. Lucia will provide a profile. Plans for possible permanent memorial were discussed. Agreed whatever we decide it should carry her name.

Melissa Jacobsen reported on the Wapsi River Clean up and thanked the Wapsi Friends group for agreeing to be the Financial Reporting Agency. Thanked K.J. for working as an associate leader. Since 2006 have covered from Walnut Grove to Anamosa, also tributaries. They were able to recycle most of the materials from the cleanup. The next Wapsi Cleanup dates are set for September 22nd and 23rd. The most unusual thing found was an urn of cremated remains. This was referred to the Police Dept. There is an ID number on the URN and the crematorium. Do not have a report of the remains missing.

Lisa and Aaron are off on mid season lay off. Lisa does most of the paper work, scheduling and is the real glue to hold our activities together. Both will be missed. Jamey, Mike and Aaron are going to Jasper County for a swap meet for the IAN.

Our pond is nearly finished and ready for seeding. Bruce Construction Company is to build a deck and a landing. Footings will be poured.

Two eagle scouts installed a new bird feeder and also a bench. Scouts are working on a platform near the Observatory for the Astronomers. Expect finished by the end of the month. Another scout will be doing duck boxes for the new pond. The scout is awaiting approval from his scout master. Some dead elm trees have been removed from the teams' course and wires have been fixed. The prairie burn will depend on the weather. A survey is being made for the wood duck boxes along the river. Redtail lodge kitchen is being renovated from November 24th to January 9th, 2012. Snake room doors are to be kept shut. The rest of the facility may be adjusted to comfort level when hosting, please turn back when you leave. Hosts are encouraged to leave notes of need or interests. No food is to be left on the premises. Have done sever educational programs off site. Need volunteers for eagle days – January 6th and 7th and for hosting the center. The snow shoes ordered previously need to be paid \$860.

Returned to thoughts on the Dottie Wala memorial. Bob said that he might include the money he received at retirement for purchasing some spotting scopes. Discussed a Vortex 45 degree scope. Mike moved the subject to be researched with report back. 2nd by Lucia and the Motion carried. Discussion about the microphone and wire to birdfeeder needs to be researched.

A card of acknowledgement and thanks was signed by each of the Friends members to Jerry Wala for designating the Wapsi Center as the recipient of memorials. Mike showed the friends a ball made from grape vine – very artful and impressive.

Next MEETING - Thursday December 15th, at Gander Mountain - 7:00 P.M.