

Friends of the Wapsi River Center Minutes

Thursday, March 15th, 2012

7:00 P.M. – Wapsi River Center

Present: Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Warren Wiese, K.J. Rebarcak, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, Connie Huber and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Check book Balance 6,641.52 plus CD's. About 20 persons attended the bird house workshop. They made a small donation. It was agreed this could be used for future supplies. We received a membership from Michael Huckstead.

Staff Report: Dave Murcia's daughters are on spring break – he is not present. Dave and Mike attended RX fire training in Dubuque. Other trainings were: Iowa One call, excavator, Pesticide, GIS. Aaron is taking an on line fire course and later will take a field day. **Grounds:** The pond is restored and the dock systems ordered and are waiting on water. Hazardous trees were removed from the River Trail, and some behind the garage and dorm. Blue birds are back, nest boxes are being surveyed, and cleaned and wood chips have been added. Eco Center sink, faucet, counter were replaced. A dish washer was added. Please do not keep food at the Nature Center. Please keep animal room doors closed. In February we had 11 groups, 4 were on site. Please leave notes and suggestions at the Friends desk. The misting of the salamander was debated, because he has a water area in his enclosure – mist as usual. The EDIWILD teacher's workshop will be at the end of June. The Workshop will be held at these locations: Wapsi River Center, Nahant Marsh and Rock Creek. The Wren will be out the end of March. Lucia will submit an article. Some items for the Wren include articles on Bloodroot, Redwing blackbird. A discussion was made about a handicapped ramp to the Eco Center. Host list was circulated for volunteers. We discussed a tour on the Blue Heron, in the hopes of inviting more people to join the Friends Group. Ideas for a tri – fold display were discussed – Lucia will pursue. Host list was passed. After the meeting the Friends toured the renovated Eco Center Kitchen.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 19th, 2012 – 7:00 P.M. – at the Wapsi River Center