

**Friends of the Wapsi River Center Minutes**  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Bettendorf Library – 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Bob Bryant, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, Connie Huber, Julie Ross, Ingrid Bogdanowicz and Erma Wiszmann. Dave Murcia was absent due to medical leave. The Friends of the Wapsi Center Members & Courtney – “Librarian at the Bettendorf Library” were introduced to the audience (22 people)

**Minutes:** Approved as mailed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Check Balance \$7,590.88 plus two CD’s

**Staff Report:** An Iowa Naturalist Workshop was held at the River Museum in Dubuque with workshop training. Staff had hearing tests and is re-certified in CPR/First Aid. At the Dubuque workshop our naturalist learned about Iowa turtle and Mussel species. The Mississippi has resident paddle fish. A garlic Mustard pull is planned for the Nahant marsh and West lake Park. We are looking to repair signs along the walks at the Wapsi Center. There is internet access to view our bird feeder. An oak tree behind the cabin has been removed. Depending on the trees condition we want to make it into a dugout canoe. The pond s filling and is 10 foot from the spillway. The Great horned owl is acting aggressive and should not be fed by our volunteers. Debated on building a trap door for tossing in food. The Macbride Raptor Center suggested putting in objects to give the owl more activity. The lab room is being reorganized with bins and shelving. Lucia moved for the friends to pay up to \$100 to pay for the new shelving bins. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erma and the motion carried. The Spring WREN is out and all programs are published. We have 2 new interns from St. Ambrose helping out at the Center. They will be earning credit hours. We had several groups in February. One program was cancelled due to the weather. There will be a trout release at West lake Park. There is a kite program scheduled. April 27<sup>th</sup> is our next Volunteer Workday. Mike moved the Friends provide snacks for the workers. Carol seconded. Motion Carried. Mike moved that the Friends pay Tom Greene \$100 for his maple syruping programs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Ross. Motion Carried. A tree has been chosen to honor Lisa Gerwulf. Expect to be planted in warmer weather. A gentleman from Cedar County has been furnishing Muskrat meat for our Owl. Connie moved to pay him \$50 to thank him. Lucia Seconded. Motion Carried. Carol will mail a card with the Check.

This Meeting was held with Public citizens in attendance at the Bettendorf Public Library. Julie advised the Friends will be recognized by RSVP. More discussion for next month. Bob Bryant reported there will be a showing of a Nahant Marsh Special movie at the Putnam Museum on April 4<sup>th</sup> – he said attendees need to reserve tickets. Attendees were encouraged to join the friends of the Wapsi Center Group and urged to help host the Center.

After the Meeting Mike Granger held a program on Wild Edibles for the Public attendees.

**Next Meeting is at the Wapsi River Center on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**