

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes

May 16th, 2013 – Wapsi River Center

Present: Jill Schmidt, Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Dave Murcia, Bill Robbins, Lucia Dryanski, Ingrid Bogdanowicz, and Erma Wiszmann

Minutes: March, 21st – Carol moved to approve, 2nd by Mike, Motion Carried, the April meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Treasurer's Report: Bankbook balance \$7580.88. Have CD's in bank. Have donations and pop money to deposit. (Mike mentioned he found a fox snake inside the pop machine).

Staff Report: Dave Murcia back from medical Leave. Ingrid of Friends group is back from hip replacement. Want to fill another seasonal position. Casey Becker has been hired as a seasonal. We have attended watershed forums and performance evaluation. We have field trips every day. The tree trunk is in back of the office. It may be made into a canoe. May try burning and chopping out its center. We have started a Facebook. The pond is filling in. The dock system is to be replaced. Center signs have been repaired. Fire burns are planned. Hazardous trees have been removed. The prairie seed took- we have a lot of red clover out by the pond. We may offer a farmer to harvest it. We have new recycle bins which are made from recycled plastic. The Fawn display has been repaired and returned. Hopefully it is well sealed to prohibit bugs. The Wapsi Center hosted the Scott County Leadership summit. We are narrowing down replacement of rental cabin. As required the septic tank near the dorm is monitored and reported and is okay. The WREN is due out in June. There were 16 participants on volunteer workday. Also 2134 participated in Earth Week Fair. In May School visits every day. We held one day aside for a staff development. In June we will have a booth at the Farmer's market. June 24th June 27th is Ediwild. We need a minimum of 20 people to attend to make it go. Encourage people to sign up. The theme is Prairies. It will start at Nahant and have days in Clinton and the Wapsi River Center. The Scott County Lost Grove Lake has 150 acres filled with water. Potential is 350. Parking is a problem but it is open for use. Scott County may be able to use the lake for canoe and Kayaking. DNR is charge of the Lake. The county budget paid for organization bins for filling of program materials. St. Ambrose interns worked 96 hours, each and built a turtle bin. The display premiered at the Earth week Fair. Displayed was a red eared slider, painted turtle, false map turtle and a Blanding's. A card was prepared to thank Mike Dunbar who donated muskrat parts to feed our Great Horned Owl. Friends signed a card and put in a \$50.00 Gift certificate. The Iowa State Biennial report has been submitted. We have something over 400.00 dollars for the Dottie Wala memorial. Possible the memorial will have a Bronze plaque with an owl on it. Lucia will research. Mike asked for an approval of a Reader's Guide to North American Wildlife publication to be given to Aaron in appreciation of his service. Also a tree was discussed for Lisa Gerwulf's recognition. Dave will research price. Want to plant it where it will not be shaded by other trees. The tree will be in the in the 15 foot range. Iowa Crab tree, Prairie Fire Crab was discussed. Julie Ross emailed Dave about using RSVP persons as volunteers. Lucia moved in spending 250.19 cents for the tree. 2nd by Erma. Motion Carried. Note: the Center will be closed on 27th of May.

Next Meeting – Annual Meeting - June 20, 2013

6:00 P.M. - Supper (Dave will supply meat and drinks)

(Bring Table ware and a Side to Share)

7:00 P.M. – Annual Meeting