

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes

June 20th, 2013 – Annual Meeting - Wapsi River Center

Present: Ingrid Bogdanowicz, Carol Rogers, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, Dave Murcia, Mike Granger Erma Wiszman, and Intern Kyle Mueller

Minutes: Dave Murcia moved to approval as mailed. 2nd by Erma Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance. \$7527.66 Plus 2 CDS

Staff Report: Season Naturalist Kate Roeder will be leaving July 12th. Mary Bulger scheduled to start for a second seasonal naturalist. Mary comes from Muscatine County has good training and skills. Hope to hire another full time naturalist. Mary comes from Muscatine County. New staff training for time system and invasive plants. Attended a Nahant Marsh committee meeting. A donation was received by Lyondell Basel. Plan to put up new signage on grounds, river access etc. IT department will create a new map coordinated with an intern. We are a participant in the Healthy initiative project. All Buildings and trails will be marked with digit codes. West lake Staff have repaired the dorm and Eco Center Blowers. We are to have our dock placement this week. Taking no reservations for August – expect to have our kestrel cabin replaced. The cabin will be energy efficient. The Frogwarts camp is scheduled for July 13th – through the 27th. The WREN is out. May was very busy with many groups on and off site. Hunter safety is this weekend. A Rag Rug workshop, Kayak experience and a menke open house are scheduled. Mike took about 30 people to the Lost Grove lake Project on section C due to the high water on the Wapsi. We rotate some events to lakes. Before anyone goes on Waspsi need to reconsider. Ediwild was cancelled due to lack of participants. The planned theme “prairie” will be used next year. Kyle Mueller is our 120 hour intern. A thank you was sent to Mike Dunbar for his muskrat donation to our great horned owl. The crab tree has not been found yet to be planted in honor of Ex-employee Lisa Gerwolf. (RSVP) – Retired Senior Volunteer Program form has been submitted. We've received. We've received a donation from Orion school. Unitarian Church donated amount of \$752.86 to the Friends. Have pop money and gift shop money to submit.

Election of officials

Erma Wiszmann moved to reelect the following –

President - Lucia Dryanski, **Vice** – Ingrid Bogdanowicz, **Secretary** – Erma Wiszmann, **Treasurer** – Carol Rogers, - - - - 2nd by Mike Granger – Motion Passed

Board Members Elected

Mike Granger, Jim Ross, Dave Huber (Bill Robbins as an alternate)

Other Business – The birds have been evaluated: All are a good weight and are eating well. The Male Kestrel has a cataract.

General Discussion – A baby Kestrel was seen by the observatory. Staff kept an eye on it and observed the mother tending to it. Mike saw Claspings or sand milkweed blooming in the county. Mace sedge needs dappled light.

NEXT MEETING – July 18th, 2013 at the Wapsi Center - 7:00 P.M.