

Friends of the Wapsi River Center Minutes July 18th, 2013 / Menke Observatory – 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Granger, Carol Rogers, Warren Wiese, Julie Ross, Dave Murcia, Jill Schmidt and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Dave moved to approve minutes as mailed. Seconded by Mike. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checkbook balance \$8,411.42. With other deposits total will be \$9,345.16. One bank statement missing. Also need E Script Report to add to the statement.

Staff Report: Our seasonal naturalist ended work July 12th and returned to Arizona. Person was to hear from Muscatine County as a Seasonal cancelled out as was hired full time by Muscatine County. We are still advertising for a seasonal. Dave attended a Nahant Marsh meeting also. We have had safety performance training. Becker returned from vacation in Georgia. Kyle our intern has performed 80 hours which is well over the 120 committed to. He might volunteer after his internship. Jill reported Rock Creek is open now after being flooded – most of the campground is operational. Summer camps of July are nearly over. Next week is last week for their Clinton County Intern. Naturalist Chuck Jacobsen, from Clinton County, has been diagnosed with lime's disease. He plans to return to work next week. Trail brush is being removed. Leroy bumped a tree which fell over. He wasn't hurt. Under Redtail lodge we have been trapping rodents. The pond is full now but with heat and humidity the level is falling – A concern. The Docks are in as the educational Platform. The Pond will be stocked but will wait one full year before stocking. The Frog warts attendees are here. Septic Tank in dormitory is not showing septic discharge. We have received the suitcase for survival. It is filled with confiscated items of animals. An Eagle Scout Candidate will do some new fish pole racks. Various events have been held at the Eldridge Library. Village alive, Kayaking and Sun Catchers also hikes. County will decide on Cabin Model. It will be a single family dwelling and be in compliance with ADA. Renters make deposit and are to clean up after themselves. If it is not cleaned properly we keep the deposit. All personnel including volunteers must submit to background checks. Those present submitted document. At the next meeting will have rental information. Are working with Frog warts attendees on several programs. Have several new fish in the aquarium. Friends asked for ID's to be posted. Carol reported bird cages are filthy. Floors and walls should be cleaned, as well as, papers changed. Male Kestrel has a cataract. His weight is good. If found dead call Leroy or Dave. RSVP if volunteer over 55 reports hours they can be counted. RSVP pushes Education Programs.

Next Meeting at the Wapsi Center is at 7:00 P.M. on August 15th.