

**Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes**  
**October 17, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M. Wapsi River Center**

**Present:** Julie Ross, Mike Granger, Warren Wiese, and Erma Wiszmann

**Minutes:** Approved as mailed.

**Treasurers Report:** Unavailable - Carol Absent

Staff Report: Dave Murcia absent due to family matters. Seasonal Naturalists are scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> aid and CPR training. Dave Murcia attended the Nahant operations meeting. Also he attended the onboarding training put on by the county. All 3 seasonal naturalists are authorized to post to the conservation Facebook. We have worked on the invasive species on the Prairie in particular Autumn Olive. The prairie has had a great year. We have met with headquarters, a contractor and a retired professional regarding the Pond. Hasn't been decided on how to stop the leaking pond. Deer guards are installed on the new plantings. The Dorm septic check was Okayed by the DNR. Tristan Rhodes an eagle scout is painting the Deck at Redtail Lodge. The Wapsi River Center will host the county for leadership training on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Rental cabin is closed. We are in the process of removing or saving contents. Tristan Rhodes also completed 6 fishing rod holders made from PVC pipe. The Reptile and amphibian room has new displays. Our staff rescued a Red tail Hawk by Dixon, Iowa. It was dehydrated and taken to the McBride Raptor Center. The Great Horned Owl was also taken to McBride for an avian exam, and to have its talons clipped. Upcoming events: October 19<sup>th</sup> – Trout Release at West Lake Park, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Hike, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fall Leaf Hike and Blackhawk Night Hike. The Host sheet was circulated for Volunteers. Our Winter Meetings are in Davenport at the Gander Mountain Store. We would like to move the meeting time from 7:00 P.M to 6:00 P.M. Mike made a motion, Erma seconded and the motion passed. Melissa Jacobsen submitted a report on the Lower Wapsi River Cleanup Project. The following was collected on the cleanup: 20 pounds – plastic and glass, 170 pounds on Tires and Rims, 1960 Pounds of scrap Metal, 140 Pounds hazardous waste, 1460 pounds of Dump material – They Covered 31.7 miles from Sherman Park to McCausland. Earth Week fair is approaching. We will discuss next meeting. There is a question of busing to schools. Erma, who is a member of the interfaith organization, proposed we pay for an ad in the Interfaith Publication. She reported: we are as often informed by persons – Our Wapsi River Environmental Center is not well known or known at all. Recently when hosting a visitor from Big Rock, IA commented “now that we have found it”. After participation discussion and review, Mike made a motion to pay \$200 dollars for a ½ page add. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie. Vote Unanimous. Mike will prepare a Camera Ready add and send in, also arrange for the Treasurer to submit a check. November 9<sup>th</sup> is a fishing with no boundaries event. Friends Members took no action.

Next meeting: November 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 P.M.  
at Gander Mountain store in Davenport.