Wapsi Center Friends Meeting Thursday, December 19th, 2013 6:00 P.M. at Gander Mountain in Davenport

Present: Mike Granger, Dave Murcia, Ingrid, Bill Robbins and Lucia Dryanski Treasurer's Report: 8,819.98 - Plus 2 CD's

Staff Report: Dave Murcia reported on Honeymoon. He and his new wife saw Mayan Ruins. Emily went to Nahant Camp meeting for this summer the theme will be the "hunger games". Leroy is off for the season until February. He will plow in the winter time. He recently hit a raccoon with his Prius. Friends are advised to be careful driving in and out of the Wapsi Center's lane and be on the lookout for deer. The Dormitory info has been submitted to the DNR. Mike gave Desmoines County Conservation board representatives a tour of the WRC on 12/18/2013.

Facilities: We have suet to put out on our bird feeders. There are shovels and ice melt available at each of the buildings. The New Kestrel Cabin foundation has been poured and the floor is covered for the winter. Mice have gotten into one of the Dorm furnaces. Hard ware cloth was installed to prevent them from nest building.

Education: The WREN newsletter is out. Calendars for Pioneer village at the Eco Center – They are \$10:00 each. Skis and Snow shoes are ready to go for the season. There is a key in the host box to check out our equipment. Please hold a person's License for checking out our equipment. Great horned owl is going through breeding season. Eastern Screech owl was euthanized on 12/13 due to old age. We have requested a replacement bird. The Friends members were refreshed on checking out our ski, snowshoe equipment:

Ski Poles – correct size will fit under your armpit Skis - correct size is as tall as your jump shot

Shoes – use size charts to determine

Handout for Bald eagle day's volunteers was passed around.

Dates are:

1/10/2014 (4 A.M. – 8 P.M.) 1/11/2014 (10 A.M. to 8 P.M.) 1/12/2014 (10 A.M. to 5 P.M.)

Upcoming Events

1/25 Migratory Mayhem 1 P.M. 1/25 Bird feeding 10 A.M. 2/8 Science Fair Booth 1 P.M. 2/8 Winter Fun Day 9:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Old Business: Discussed Earth Week Bussing Scholarships. New Business: Skipping the December meeting and have the meeting in January (Normally we skip the January meeting because of Bald Eagle Days).

General: Dave brought goods from Nahant from Julie Malaki who is selling her artwork. She has books and Photos. Book is \$25 (Our Price \$15) Photos: 8 x 10 \$15 (Our Price \$9.00) 4X 6 \$4 (Our Price \$2.50) Host list and Eagle Day volunteer lists were passed around.

NEXT MEETING: February 20th, 2014 (6:00 P.M.) at Gander Mountain Store, Davenport