

Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting
July 17th, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
Wapsi River Center

Present: Bob Bryant, Warren Wiese, Dave Murcia, Carol Rogers and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Carol Moved approval of the minutes as mailed. 2nd by Murcia. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$9,000 plus in checking acct. Secretary failed to record exact amount – plus 2 CDs. Discussed charge for pop. Erma moved that the friends raise the amount for purchase to \$1.00. 2nd by Carol. Motion Carried. There is pop money to be deposited. We'll be receiving payments from Frogwarts.

Staff Report: Received 123 applications for full time naturalist. 30 are qualified. Interviewing starts Monday. Want person in Job in August first. One Seasonal employee will end at end of August. Hope to keep a seasonal for 30 hours a week year round. Recently had 2 injuries. Hunter Safety attendee fee out of top bunk (had a concussion, broken tooth and broken nose). Other injury was from Frogwarts and was from Horse Play (compound arm fracture). There has been extensive storm damage at the WRC. NE Corner of the Eco Center was sheared off. No Damage to Some damage to Kestrel Cabin roof. 80 to 100 trees damaged. West Lake and Scott County are cleaning up. Progress is slow. Some Trees will be replanted. We have received a grant from the Health Department, for 911 trail markers. These will be installed using the national grid system. Have a new canoe and kayak rack installed. We may change the landing. The Dormitory permit discharge is OK. Most building repairs are finished. June was busy w/ 500 on site 204 offsite. Busy in July. Weekends open. New Wildlife Kiosk is by the office. Our partnering with Clinton County terminated on the 1st of July. Have asked Clinton County for a list of items of what they expect us to return. With help from headquarters we will replace some of the items. Clinton was expected to pay 3,000 a year to help in the initial agreement. We have listings of where some of the items came from. If we haven't heard by the end of July our county will make a stand. Bob Bryant suggested of the 3,000 per year would now be 60,000. When Clinton County comes for hunter Safety training they will pay for the use of our Dorm, and facilities. The group agreed that it is Okay for Friends to use the Bulletin Boards as needed. Need to print more brochures for the Farmer's market Booth space. Lucia is working on the WALA plaque.

Miscellaneous discussion: Many of our damaged trees were hollow. Haven't decided for sure what to do. We may hire a forester to help guide us. Suggestion: is there insurance? Erma is surprised there is no Forester on Staff. In 1973 a tornado hit the center and recovery was slow. A Vending machine was discussed. Does the Health Department check? What about healthy options to choices of drinks? We'll check with the vendor. The pond water is up some. The Dock is floating. Hired Dr. Schwartz to survey the site. The geological mass goes right through the pond. The vein is Karst. Erosion found the vein. There is a hole at the north end. May have 2 veins in the Karst Limestone. Bob reported he still has \$500 dollars donated at his retirement to spend on something for the center. Debated a microscope camera and that might need another computer. Decide if cost exceeds \$500 friends would kick in to help out.

Our Next meeting is August 21st – 6:00 P.M. at the Wapsi River Center.