

**Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes**  
**Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**West Lake Park – Gate 3**

**Present:** Kyle Moeller, Mike Granger, Carol Rogers, Jo Noon, Bill Robbins and Erma Wiszmann

**Minutes:** Approved as mailed

**Treasurer's Report:** 8,435.48 in Checking Account. Have a \$200.00 donation from North Scott Schools plus 2 CDs.

**Staff Report:** Dave Murcia not here tonight due to another commitment. Dave has attended meetings with the Nahant Board. Thursday and Friday the Wapsi Staff attended a meeting with the Iowa Association of Naturalists. The County Pride Celebration was at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. We did not get the Bi State Literacy grant. Our intern is finishing up hours. May do volunteer work. Le Roy is off December through February. He will still do snow removal. We are still working on storm damage cleanup. We are using county inmates to help clean up. The fall prairie burn did not happen. May try to do an early spring burn. 911 Markers will be placed on posts to call for Emergency Assistance. Scouts have stained the amphitheater. We have remade the Screech Owl Box. We may get an additional Screech owl. The bird feeder is filled and we are trying to keep Raccoons off with a contraption we designed. When in the center you can turn the heat up, but turn it down afterwards to 60 degrees. The Dorm discharge meets the DNR requirements. In September we had over 20 groups on site and 6 groups off site. Carol Rogers donated a Passenger Pigeon woodcarving and the artist also donated a Pileated and Ivory Billed woodpecker wood carving. He also has a Carolina Parakeet carving to donate. A thank you letter will be sent. The WREN newsletter will also be produced by the end of the month. The Center will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve and Day. Bald Eagles Kid's day is January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center. We need volunteers on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January. The Expo Runs 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. We have been designated as a Pollinator Habitat, and a Monarch Weigh Station. We plan to install an indoor bee hive at the Eco Center. Our 911 markers will be listed on Maps. The Halloween Hike had 30 – 40 Attendees. They were scouts from Wheatland and people from the QC area. Had a cookout, night hike and scavenger hunt. Carol moved to have the purchase of Red Feather Snow Shoes from CrawDaddy Outfitters - 25 pairs at \$1574.25. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erma. Motion carried. There will be now December meeting.

**The Next meeting will be:**

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**6:00 P.M at West Lake Park (Gate #3)**

**Mike remembered to mention that Erma will host on Bald Eagle Day weekend.**