

**Friends of the Wapsi Meeting Minutes**  
**May 21, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**Wapsi River Center**

**Present:** Bill Robbins, Lucia Dryasni, Jim Ross an Eliza, Carol Rogers, Mike Granger, Erma Wiszmann.

**Minutes:** Bill moved approved of the Minutes from March. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the Bank. \$6223.43 plus two CD's. Applications for junior conservation are paid. Amount for plants approved last meeting but the \$ amount ran over by \$6.46. Lucia moved approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erma. Motion Carried.

**Staff Reports:** Emily and Becky have been to SOAR raptor training. Staff are participating in a frog-toad survey. Bill asked for a copy of the survey. Discussed: Some frogs are very similar but their calls are very different. County Leadership training was held. Mike granger was recognized for his 15 years of service. The new Well House foundation is underway and they are running new waterlines. The old well house will be torn down. Dust retardant has been applied to the roads. Tree saplings were planted. White and red oaks, and pecans. Red tail septic line backed up and has been corrected. Dorm Septic is OK for the DNR. Pollinator gardens have been planted. Hybrids may not produce nectar. Friends toured what will be the butterfly garden. Aldo Leopold shack in Madison Wisconsin was discussed. In April we had 10 groups for education. May's Schedule is full. Ediwild has joined with Nahant Marsh. The combined program is June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Mike did a public program with the Horticulturalists at Duck Creek Pavilion. It was a fun group. Did a hike, discussed cattail projects and observed wild plants. There will be a Kayak scavenger Hunt. On June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a fishing clinic at West Lake Park to support free fishing days in Iowa. Archery will be held at the Wapsi Center on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Menke Star Party at Dusk is on June 10<sup>th</sup>. New observation bee hive is doing well. When the bees arrived the Queen was in a separate box sealed in Wax. She was chewed out. The bees wouldn't go in to the hive until they smelled the queen. Leroy and Mike used a leaf blower to start the bees in the hive. The bees got the idea and entered OK. We will have a new brochure at Headquarters. Thank you to Friends for the Scholarships for Nahant Marsh and workday support plus refreshments. When hosting the center be sure to turn the Bee hive is in the correct position (perpendicular to window) so they don't get burned by the sun. The Wapsi Center is being surveyed in an effort to identify as an important bird area IBA. Carol and Audubon members found 68 species. The pond needs to be redone in order to attract more species. There are some species targeted. If one is seen – we need the Date/Location and observers Name. Need documentation. A pollinator display was mentioned. Carol moved for the Friends to spend up to \$110 for an exhibitor table. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erma. Motion Carried. The Annual; Meeting will be at 6A:00 P.M. at the Pioneer Village at the Soda Shop. Meat will be furnished. The friends normally bring items for a potluck. Please invite others to attend. Friends suggest purchase Children books for the Gift shop stickers etc. Ecology Day is set for Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. The Second weekend in October. The Host list was passed around and the meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting is:**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

**PIONEER VILLAGE SODA SHOP - - SCOTT COUNTY PARK**

**(Please RSVP 563-328-3286)**

**(Please bring a FRIEND, TABLE SETTING and a SIDE DISH to share)**