

Friends of the Wapsi Center Minutes
Thursday, August 20th 2015
Wapsi River Center

Present: Carol Rogers, Jo Noon, Mike Granger, Dave Murcia, Kyle Moeller, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, Ingrid Bogdanowicz, and Erma Wiszmann.

Minutes: Approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,392.96 in checking account. Lower Wapsi River Cleanup – Melissa Jacobsen check where their account stood. It was \$329.11 to the good. Then they encountered expenses to \$2416.20. Friend's treasurer wrote check to cover. They then turned in \$1350.00 plus another \$84. We are in the hole \$652.59. Carol will talk with Melissa. Friends discussed. Should we be the 501.3C for them in the future? \$75 in pop money was turned in.

Staff Report: Becky and Emily have attended the 3rd and 4th Raptor training. Kyle Moeller ends his internship this Friday. Staff attended Iowa Association of Naturalists workshop. Lessons included water resources, history and a World War II bunker. The AmeriCorps crew is coming in Fall. Emily is writing grants. We asked for a crew for 6 weeks thru October 22. We were granted a 5 person crew. We have much work on the grounds, painting and studying ash borers on property. Have issued applications for an assistant naturalist. Hope to have on staff by September. Have learned Warren Wiese is at the Wheatland Villa – Telephone 563-374-1711 Apt 107, 320 East Lincoln Way, Wheatland Iowa 52777. Warren has asked to have friends meeting at his place in September. The Pump house is moving along. It will have storage for the Gator, hand tools and will include a water softener. Our Eagle Scout Candidate will arrange for more benches along the trails, and will upgrade the fire ring. Discharge is meeting DNR standards. Kyle has installed game boards etc. around our facilities. The frog warts Camp will let us know about holding their event on our site next year. In July we had 6 groups with 284 persons on site and 13 groups offsite with 380. Problems have been reported with pulling it up on the WEB. Dave will check. Coming events: Star Party, Kayak, Archery, Monarch workshop (truffles, seed bombs, tagging, and check for parasites). The Queen has left the indoor beehive. Told that we must replace her before 2 weeks, which we have done. Person in Bettendorf had a swarm of bees. Leroy went and picked it up, so we have an outside hive here at the Wapsi. A wild bee hive produces clear honey when given sugar solution. We want to push pollinator education. 3 of our bird mounts are back from the taxidermist. 7 more are finished and drying. The Iowa DNR has given us more furs specifically a Mt. Lion, Badger, as well as some ducks. The Friends discussed posting labels when displaying. The large Common Snapping turtle was released into the Wapsi. It was getting too aggressive. We have a young snapper in his place. Oct 10th is the Ecology Day- Date was changed because of conflicts. Host Sheet was passed around. October 3rd Dinner Hosted by Bill and Lucia – Friends group and WRC staff invited. Friends Support for Intern Kyle's Playscape project approved. Is Kyle's last meeting. Membership fees need to be paid next month. Erma moved the Friends to purchase add in Interfaith publication at the amount of \$350.00. 2nd By Carol. Motion Carried. Dave request for the Friends to pay \$300.00 for Taxidermy work.

General Discussion: Powwows at Blackhawk Park after years of absence. Halloween program on October 24th. Dave is looking for a Crabtree for Lisa Gerwulf project.

Next Friends Meeting - - - - With Warren Wiese!!!

- - 6:00 P.M., September 17th, 2015 - -

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Carpooling – Meet at the Wapsi Center at 5:30 P.M.