

**Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting  
Minutes – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Wheatland Villa, Wheatland, Iowa**

**Present:** Carol Rogers, Lucia Dryanski, Bill Robbins, Ingrid Bogdanowicz, Kyle Moeller, Mike Granger, Warren Wiese, LeRoy Haeffner and Erma Wiszmann. Dave Murcia absent due to family conflict.

**Minutes:** Lucia moved for approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wapsi River Lean up total \$5008.35. Received a check in Amount of \$192.00. They still owe \$420.00. Money from pop machine turned over to Treasurer.

**Staff Report:** Emily and Becky have completed Raptor training. Kyle Moeller has been hired on as a seasonal naturalist. AmeriCorps crew will be brought in to completely clear up and update our grounds from September 22 through November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Pump House and Storage building have new water lines and in most cases new pipe. Plans are to take the old pump House down this fall. Carol asked what should happen with the Bell? Friends are advised there are no plans. The bell needs to be retained. The kids who come love the bell. Carol moved to ask the conservation board to save the bell. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erma. The motion carried. Motion carried. Bats have been excluded from the Redtail Lodge. The bat entrance has been enclosed. Carol suggested the small buildings be kept as nurseries. Erma suggested the old Pump house as a bat nursery. In August there were 6 education groups at our Wapsi site and 5 off site. We Reviewed the Calendar of events. WREN will be out by end of September. A work day is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Most Friends indicated they would not be able to attend. Most Friends indicated they would not be able to attend. October 10<sup>th</sup> is Ecology Day. The subject will be insects. Lucia moved that the presenter be paid \$263.05. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Motion Carried. We need newspapers for our bird cages. We discussed the possibility of a cook out October 24<sup>th</sup> before the Halloween hike. Leroy reported on the bees. After swarming needed to secure a new Queen Bee. Have a brood being hatched. Debated about ground bees. Monarchs seem to be plentiful on golden rod. Also swallowtail butterflies have been plentiful. The friends thanked Warren Wiese for hosting the meeting at his home in Wheatland.

**The NEXT meeting will be at the  
Wapsi River Center, Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**