

Friends of the Wapsi Minutes
April 20, 2017

Present: Mona, Joy, Tom, Lucia, Ingrid, Jim, Carol, Erma, Emily

Approval of Minutes: Approved as amended to include that Jim Ross was present on 3/16/17 (Motion by Jim, seconded by Tom, passed)

Treasurer's Report: Checking 4038.69; Certificate 2631.98; Certificate 2593.21; **Total** 9268.88

4 new memberships record, receipts for skulls (pd) and insect hotel supplies (needs to be paid) to Lucia to give to Bill. GSA sponsored 4 turtles—Bill to earmark \$100

Staff Report:

Staff: Emily and Dave attended Leadership training; Dave and Sean completed Iowa One Call training. Dave completed Pest. Appl. training.

Grounds: Road project continues—detours to meeting tonight! New office soil delivered & grading and planting planned. Nut and fruit trees/shrubs purchased from Red Fern Farm (Louisa Co., run by former naturalist—\$ from pollinator grant/Trees forever). Plan for old office area: natural playscape with wild edibles surrounding it.

Facilities: New office org continues; flag pole refinished/installed, concrete/railing, etc. Dorm MOR submitted to IA DNR

Education:

Env Ed program/facility assessment continues. March on site: 4 groups, 83 people; off-site 4 groups, 277 people. Met with USFWS regarding E massasauga (swamp rattlesnakes) habitat workshop in July (want to pay folks with habitat to maintain it). Resin skulls arrived and viewed by friends; bees arrived.

Old Business:

Insect hotels project work continues—please contribute when hosting.

New Business: Thanks to Caroline Kimple/Mona Druhl-Hay for donations, to Joy Sheeley for raptor carrier covers; to Tom Schwake for insect hotel frames, Jim Ross for buckets. New members: Norm Nichols, Bernadine Bowles, John/Kathy Bowman, & to George/Doris Straetker (hosts).

4/22/17 Volunteer workday 9-12, and climate change presentation by NWS at 12:30. Plans made by friends to provide food for 25 or so people for lunch. Also bring work gloves and yard tools.

Bio Blitz 4/29/17 2-5 pm at Scott Co Park, Glynn's Creek golf course.

Raptor orientation June 9 9:00 am—RSVP with Emily (she'll schedule another for folks unable to attend during workday).

Somebody moved and seconded to adjourn....passed!

Next Meeting: Thursday May 18 at Wapsi Center