

FBCW meeting minutes  
Nov 29, 2012  
6:15-8:00pm  
Stoughton library, Second Floor Meeting Room

**Attending:**

Sharon Beall, Marsha Vomastic, Christine Felton, Jim Danky, Jim Post, Lynne Diebel

**Old Business**

1. Local Boards presentation reports:

Jim Post presented to the Town of Rutland board on September 7, 2012. He characterized the group as very encouraging. Many were familiar with the creek and had canoed it. Jim also changed the FBCW link on the Rutland web site so that it goes to our page on the RRC site. They need a mission statement page to add to the Rutland site. Marsha said she will send it to Jim P and he will forward it to them.

Christine and Marsha presented to the Rock County Land Conservation Committee (Al Sweeney is a member.) They used Jim Post's flyover as part of the presentation. Marsha and Christine's conclusions were that:

The committee is not very interested in joint activities with FBCW.

They are very interested in invasives and how to get rid of them.

They have a good rapport with watershed farmers, which could be useful if we try to purchase buffer/easement land.

Jim Danky gave literature to the Dunkirk and Porter town boards.

Because the watershed is now a Natural Resource area in the 2012-17 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan, Lynne will contact Chris James about meeting with our group in January.

2. Leedle Mill bridge remnants

Decided to contact the chair of the town of Union and/or the Feds about the canoe hazard, just so they are aware. Jim Post will contact the state DOT bridge inspectors. Suggested wording from Jim D: "We just want to know if this can be settled through negotiation instead of litigation."

3. Rock County Invasives Bike Ride (Spring 2013) update

The bike ride is set for the morning of Saturday, May 11, 2013. Our stop at Riley Road is one of three and a yet to be determined sponsor will provide refreshments. Posters have been printed and registration will open soon. Our contacts are Patricia Cicero and Joleen Stinson. Someone will ask Ted Keehn if we could borrow traffic safety cones. Agricol was suggested as a potential sponsor. We decided to create a display board about the history of our knotweed eradication efforts.

4. Knotweed update

Lynne reported that the 9/23/12 knotweed spraying and injecting appears to have been as effective as expected, based on her visit to the site on 11/28/12. Photographs were passed around. Marsha reported that she fished the Badfish the day after Thanksgiving (11/23/12) and saw lots of garlic mustard on the west side. Decided to pull GM on both sides in the spring.

5. Adopt-a-Highway on 138 was canceled due to shortage of volunteers and deemed unnecessary because it looked clean. Jim Danky spotted an abandoned dresser at the intersection with Sam Miles Road and reported it to Lynne. When Lynne checked on it, the thing was already gone.

### **New Business**

1. Dhali Lama idea

Sometime when the D.L. visits the Buddhist facility in the town of Dunn, we will ask him to walk down to the creek for a media event, IF we need media attention for something else. Zorba Pastor may be a useful route to arranging this.

2. Yahara WINS

Lynne and Jim D met with MMSD to learn about the integrated management approach to phosphorus reduction in the county.

3. Rock County stream group info for map (due Dec 1)

Lynne will submit historical info about our group, our stream monitoring.

4. Web site

Marsha noted that Rock County's site is on Word Press, and since RRC might switch to WordPress, we may want to as well. Also, Facebook is now charging if you want posts to reach everyone (and even then no guarantees). Marsha will check on the details.

Hi Lynne,  
Are you having a good summer?

I scheduled a conference call later this month to get the ball rolling on the invasive bike ride for next spring. Does your group have any date preferences (or restrictions) for late April - early June? We're probably looking at a Saturday morning. Any other ideas to share at the conference call?

Would you have any interest in being on the event planning committee? If you're too busy, I totally understand. Manning one of the stops will already take a lot of work.

Thanks!  
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