

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Minutes

August 9, 2012 6:15 pm Stoughton Library

In Attendance: Lynne, Christine, Sharon, Jim P, Jim D, Ingrid

Old Business:

User Survey:

Jim D reported that Michael Mucha will send the survey link to all MMSD employees.

Canoe Outing Aug 25th, 9-noon:

If water levels don't improve (90 cfs or above), we will cancel outing. If we go ahead, we'll do Old Stage Road to Riley Road because there's a good landing with parking at Old Stage. Jim P reported seeing steel pilings in June, left in the channel from the bridge construction at Leedle Mill, but Ingrid has paddled it since and said that they're not there anymore. She said to follow the right side of the channel.

Interested in attending: Chris, Ingrid & Rae, and maybe Jim P (depends on MMSD response).

Jim P is organizing a canoe outing for MMSD people for the same date, but going from Rutland Dunn to Old Stone.

Local Board Presentations:

Rock County:

Marsha and Chris were all ready to present to Rock County Land Conservation Committee meeting in August, but meeting was cancelled. Al Sweeney said he will get them on the agenda for Sept 5, but they haven't received official confirmation yet. Chris will call again. Marsha has Jim's Google Earth tour, and Chris has her talk on note cards. Marsha will put everything on the web site and Chris will share her talking cards. Marsha said they have a projector. Lynne will give Chris the poster and easel prior to the meeting.

Dane County:

Per Jim D's suggestion, Lynne will contact Majiid Alan on the Zoning & Land Regulation Committee to set a date. Jim D and Jim P will go along for the presentation.

Townships:

Jim D gave the packets to Dunkirk, Porter and Union. Jim P will contact Rutland. Ingrid and Sharon will contact Dunn. Lynne will contact Fitchburg.

Rock County Invasives Bike Ride (Spring 2013):

For Joleen:

1. How many riders do you expect?
2. How many stops? What other stops? How long is our stop? How long a ride? Total distance?
3. No date restrictions late April to early June

4. How many FBCW people should be there?
5. We will have ice water, lemonade and brownies, and a trash container.
6. We'll do an extensive program and hand out cards and other handouts to those who want them. We will also have an email signup list.

Knotweed:

Jim D brought an article on knotweed on the Olympic site. Lynne showed a photo of the oats growing on our knotweed site, having replaced the garlic mustard. Some knotweed plants too however. **Knotweed Workday is Sat Sept 22, 9-11am.** Chris, Sharon, Lynne, Jim D and maybe Jim P will be there. Spray and inject.

Adopt-a-Highway:

Chris reported that she submitted her report saying we gathered 10 bags, but there were no separate recycling bags and no organization #, making the report problematic. Lynne, Marsha, Sharon, Chris, Jim P and Jim D participated. **Next Adopt Date is Oct 27, 9-11am.**

John Harrington Meeting:

Jim D and Lynne will meet with Prof John Harrington, UW Landscape Architecture, on Aug 15, about his class possibly creating a recreational plan for the Badfish which could be presented to Chris James and other officials.

Next meeting:

We decided to hold our next three meetings at the various events: Aug 25, Sept 22, and Oct 27.