

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Minutes

March 7, 2012 6:00 pm Stoughton Library

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

Old Business:

1. Consensus is to visit the local government boards in June, which means we should have the packets (including the **Local Officials Addendum**) ready by the end of May.

Marsha has revised the **User Survey**. Discussion:

If you want money, you need to be able to say who uses the land. Jim D

Supply general info about Badfish? Marsha

Will ask survey specialist at work how to word survey. Ingrid

Ask local officials to post survey link on their web sites. Ingrid

2. **POSP** approval vote due March 15.

3. Lynne submitted the **Dane County Environmental Council** grant application and expects an answer by mid April.

4. Lynne read Joleen Stinson's email about **Rock County Parks** (see below).

5. Lynne and Marsha will volunteer at the River Alliance booth at **Canoecopia**. Marsha made a User Survey Opt In Signup Sheet for them to use. Lynne got RRC brochures and newsletters and FBCW business cards and brochures to hand out.

6. **Calendar**: Knotweed and Wild Parsnip dates are yet to be determined. Lynne will email the Knotweed Plan to Marsha. The group decided to add a spring canoe outing.

Canoe Outing and Picnics 2012

Saturday, May 12, 9am-noon, Casey Road to Fulton. Rain date is May 13.

Saturday, August 25, 9am-noon, Hwy 138-Riley Road. Rain date is Aug 26.

New Business:

1. Jim P reported about **clearing the stream** in the Wildlife Area for canoeing. He contacted Nancy Frost who gave permission. This will be a FBCW project headed by Jim P. Lynne will email paddling groups contact info to Jim P.

2. Jim P also reported about Ben Axt of the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the **ditch plugs**, which it turns out are along the Anthony Branch, a tributary. AND, he brought in a map of the watershed and one of the upper Badfish back in the 1950s!

3. Jim D reported that the **Cooksville Store** has been bought by a Paraguayan retired service man and his wife who likes to make pastries. Actually he will lease the building. The timing could work out well for the Friends.

4. No discussion of Besadny Grant for 2013.

5. Chris will set up Adopt-a-Highway date.

Next Meeting: Wed, April 11, 6:15-8, Stoughton Library second floor meeting room

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynne Diebel

March 6 email from Joleen Stinson, Rock County Parks:

Hi Lynne,

I know it's been months - but we didn't forget about you in Rock County Parks.

I've been working on the invasive species bike ride with other folks from the Town and Country RC&D. We had another event idea come up too, which is a fun run obstacle course at Tallgrass Restoration, and the committee just had a conference call this afternoon to decide if we wanted to focus on one of the two events, or try to pull them both off this summer/fall. After much discussion, we decided to move forward with the run this summer/early fall and push the bike ride off until next spring. This way, we can learn a lot about the logistics with Tallgrass' support, and use the run to help promote the bike ride. So we hope to have all the details for the spring bike event finalized by the run to start promotion this fall.

When we met earlier this year, you said that the Friends of Badfish Creek was on board with the event - so I wanted to give you an update right away. And hopefully we can talk sometime soon to start thinking about spring. Feel free to give me an email or call at your convenience. I have your email address, but didn't write down your phone number at our initial meeting.

Thanks,
Joleen

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