

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Plan Committee

May 21, 2013

Present: Lynne, Marsha, Sharon, Ingrid, Chris, Jim P.

Watershed Network conference report

Caroline and Sharon went. Good turnout; Suzanne Wade from RRC was there. Everyone shared what they are doing and what they need from other groups. Sharon thinks everyone has a lot to offer and they all have the same issues we do. *Save the Waters* wants to have a website for all to share opportunities and needs. Sharon took the presentation board and handouts and did the presentation. Madison Fishing Expo will allow groups to apply for grants from them if the group volunteers to help at the Expo.

Event listing: we can piggyback with RRC. Need to assign one person per event to be in charge and be the contact. Should always include disclaimer that the date is subject to change or cancellation though.

Topics for the future: Sharing staff resources, clean water training, software and website, volunteer management, etc.

Action items: do the survey, see if we want to add anything to the event website

May 11, 2013 Invasive Species Bike Ride report

Lynne, Sharon and Marsha attended. We demonstrated pulling garlic mustard, showed Japanese knotweed to the riders, and explained how to get rid of it. Very successful; 31 riders. All enjoyed the learning opportunity. Lynne went to picnic and the pheasant brats were good.

RRC Annual Meeting

Marsha gave report on the meeting high points. New directors elected, one is professor at Whitewater with students wanting real-world things to do.

Rock River Trail is going forward.

Rock River Recovery. RRC role will be mostly education.

Possibly a new Chapter in Johnson Creek soon.

Strategic Plan Review

Reported on Sharon's ideas of ownership of projects and work plan. Ingrid suggested holding a separate meeting to work through projects and prioritize tasks. Find out what role people want to have.

Next meeting is on June 20th. Ingrid might not be able to come that day so Lynne will do another Doodle to find a date people can commit to. Possibly dinner meeting.

Sharon will pull out bullets of items mentioned in last year's minutes.

2012 Status Report – done

Marsha will format and post on website

Other

- Lynne reported on canoe trip last Monday, Cooksville to Yahara River. They found that Mad City Paddlers had taken care of a huge cottonwood tree, opening up the creek downstream of Cooksville for portage-free canoeing. Lots of discussion about Yahara WINS project. Denny Caneff, Chris Clayton (River Alliance); Kathy Lake, Dave Taylor (MMSD); Ezra Meyer (Clean Wisconsin and MMSD Commissioner); Bob and Lynne Diebel
- Marsha will set up a Google Docs accounts for everyone to share.
- Message from Patty:

Hi Lynne,

I have another evening work event and won't be able to attend tonight's meeting. I reviewed the plan and think it looks sound and realistic to execute against. In looking at the existing meeting dates this summer, I see that I won't be able to attend the majority of meetings due to my summer vacation/paddling schedule. I would still like to be involved in the group in some capacity -- please let me know if there opportunities to contribute outside of the group meetings (for example, I could certainly help with a social media strategy).

Best, Patty

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Upcoming Events

- Parsnip Event (June 15 – rain date June 22) Lynne will take ownership
- Canoe Paddle – August 24th, rain date 31st - Ingrid's husband Rae might take ownership with help from Jim P. (Do GPS of invasive locations along the way without making a big deal of it) We will remain open to the stretch to paddle depending on water levels.