

**Board of Directors Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 15th, 2016**

Next Regular Board Meeting: *Tuesday* April 19th, 2016

Attending this meeting: Jane Carlson, Suzanne Wade, Eric Compas, Jim Kerler

Absent: Patricia Cicero, Dave Hoffman, Joe Zakovec, Dan Lynch, Tabby Davis

President Jane Carlson called meeting to order at 5:15 PM and noted that we did not have enough members present for a quorum but would go through the agenda regardless.

1. Introductions:

None.

2. Approval of February 24, 2016 minutes:

None received. Will table until next meeting.

3. Announcements:

None.

4. Treasurer's Report:

None received. Will table until next meeting.

5. Membership Report:

Suzanne reported that Ingrid sent out a reminder letter for members that haven't renewed and renewals are coming in nicely. Ingrid is sending thank-you letters. Suzanne will distribute the current membership report to the board.

6. Stream Monitoring Report:

Suzanne reported that Nancy's March 5 Yahara WINs meeting went very well, had good topics, and was well attended.

7. Chapter Liaison:

Nothing reported.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Brief Updates:

a. Community Shares: Big Share was March 1st, 2016. About \$800 made this year. This includes \$200 from Suzanne's "retirement from the board" match. Suzanne will send final numbers to the board.

b. Fundraising: all board members need to do it!

c. Board Member Recruiting: Eric has contacted to UWW students to see if they are interested in the student board member position. Jim will roll off the board as planned in May but will continue to be a monitor. Joe will renew for three years. We will have a vacant one-year

position and one or two vacant three year positions to fill. We could also add one. Patricia was to talk to Andy Selle and the Farmers Union.

d. Hiring: We received three applicants for the TTW logistics coordinator position and two are highly qualified. Suzanne has funding to hire both of them if the interviews next week go well, because of grants likely covering the cost of one paddler and Bill Frisbee being the other (volunteer) paddler. A TTW outreach associate position description is also posted on our web site: <http://rockrivercoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/TTW-Outreach-Associate-PD.pdf> This position may be limited to UW-Whitewater students depending on the funding source. If funds are from UWW then only students may be hired. At this time the funding is through the Rock River Coalition and everyone is encouraged to apply.

9. Rock River Recovery Updates:

There was discussion about the differences between adaptive management, water quality trading, and the statewide multidischarger variance for wastewater treatment plant phosphorus compliance options. We agreed we would like to use our Yahara WINS adaptive management citizen monitoring "model" elsewhere in the basin, but we are only aware of one or two WWTPs besides those in Yahara WINS that are contemplating adaptive management (Oconomowoc is one). Monitoring is not required for water quality trading or the variance.

10. Testing the Waters: a Paddle and Probe Adventure:

Suzanne and her committee have added the segment of the Rock around the confluence with the Oconomowoc R to the paddle schedule instead of having a rest day. We need someone with a truck and hitch to pick up voyageur canoes and trailer May 23 from Bonduel and possibly drop them back off May 26. We reviewed the content and layout of the 8.5 x 11 poster. Eric talked about equipment calibration requirements for each morning. Eric gave Suzanne the name of a good, low-cost graphics person to dress up the brochure and 8.5x11 poster.

11. River Network Membership:

Patty previously told Jane she would issue this check for \$150.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Employees:

Jane will talk to Suzanne and Patricia about policies and practices with respect to employee supervision so she can maintain consistency and more effectively supervise our administrative assistant.

13. Annual Meeting Planning:

Annual meeting is set for Wednesday, May 25 in the evening after the Testing the Waters closing ceremony/celebration. Jane will ask Nancy Sheehan and Ingrid West to attend. We talked about what is needed for the meeting such as voting on board members and officers, the annual report (Suzanne and Jane will prepare this), and the annual treasurer report (Dan and Patty will prepare numbers). Eric wondered if the Stream Monitoring Report Card would be ready to present to members by then and Jane thought it would not, but will check with Nancy.

13. Newsletter:

Dave and Jane are soliciting articles. Articles due to us April 5.

Adjourn 6:30