

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2017

Attending this meeting: Patricia Cicero, Joe Zakovec, Eric Compas, Dave Hoffman, Bob Hansis, Jane Carlson

Absent: Carl Korfmacher, Andy Selle,

President, Jane Carlson, called the meeting to order at 5:15.

1. Introduction:

2. Approval of 3/22/17 and 4/26/17 Meeting Minutes:

Patricia moved to approve 3/22/17 minutes; seconded by Joe; motion carried. Dave moved to approve 4/26/17 minutes; seconded by Patricia; motion carried.

3. Announcements:

Jane reported the Beaver Dam Paddle Event hosted by the Beaver Dam Lake Association will be held June 10. They would like RRC to be represented there, but unfortunately, no one from board is available that date.

Dave will be getting more signatures on Suzanne's paddle/award and bring it to the next meeting.

Discussion on RRC's comments on the state budget. RRC will draft a similar letter as last state biennial budget period voicing our budgetary concerns for this next fiscal biennial.

Bob reported good news on City of Stoughton talking about installing a fish passage around the Yahara River dam and that we should be advocating for.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Patricia has been helping Tara out while on maternity leave, who remains in the loop and is still fielding emails. Patricia handed out the financial statements that are through March 31. More details will be presented at next board meeting as to-date figures will be updated. The annual meeting financials will also be included next month. Eric moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Joe; motion carried.

5. Membership Update:

Our memberships are on track for 2017. Suzanne created new membership report with the database updates. A few names were listed twice, which might be an error with the database updates.

6. Stream Monitoring Report:

Nancy reported she will need more stream monitoring kits. WAV gave (3) D-nets and (3) turbidity tubes to help us out this summer. Dave will write several small grants to receive funding for equipment purposes only. Given the need for the 6 items mentioned Bob motioned to spend \$459.12 of unrestricted funds to purchase said equipment; seconded by Eric; motion carried.

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7. Position Descriptions and Committees:

The board discussed individual roles as to how they relate to different facets of RRC. The discussion of a more shared role to maximize board involvement and decrease overloading of particular board members. Also, discussion on having more tele-conference monthly board meetings. No concrete

decision was made on teleconferencing, but board will help contribute to agenda to alleviate work load of president. Jane will prepare and distribute a draft document outlining roles.

Finance Committee: Carl (Jane will confirm) and Patricia

Human Resources Committee: Dave, Joe, and Patricia, Jane will ask Andy

Stream Monitoring Committee: Bob, Dave, and Patricia

Executive Committee: all officers

8. Election of Officers May '17 – May '18:

Patricia moved for the following election of officers: President, Joe; President Elect, Eric; Treasurer, Patricia; Secretary, Dave; Past President, Jane; seconded by Eric; motion carried.

9. Student Board Member:

Eric will speak with Wes to see if he knows of any students wanting to get involved.

10. Monthly e-Newsletter:

The monthly Rock River Recovery email blast will act as RRC's new portal for advertising RRC matters, programs, and current events. Mark Riedel of DNR stated the need for articles so this will work well for us with our last monthly e-newsletter in June. We thank Marie for her service in doing these e-newsletters for the past years.

11. Suzanne's Offer- working on a summer event or position description for a publicity person:

Board is still discussing this and other options for hiring more staff to help with publicity and fundraising. Dave will look into an internship program with UW-Rock to potentially help Nancy out during spring/summer months.

12. Brief Updates:

a. Rock River Trail Grand Opening: June 3. Discussion of using probe for Jefferson event in collaboration with the RRT Grand Opening, but decided against it given the route and the amount of paddling.

b. Rock River Recovery, RR Stormwater Group: Bob mentioned that the DNR is discussing the discharge permitting process which might be making the permits more lenient.

c. Chapter News: nothing to report.

d. Fundraising: Jane will have more time to fundraise now that she's no longer president. Dave will be writing several grants to larger companies to assist with equipment purchases.

e. CSW: Suzanne shared the 2017 Community Shares Member Reports with board via email. She reported the following: "Work hour requirement: 25 hours (between Ken Wiesner who is on their financial committee and my work there is no problem achieving this). Funds coming in 2017

Share: \$1,800 (next year it should be \$2,500) Private Campaign: \$142.07 Quarterly distribution: \$485.77 Plus The Big Share income of \$737.29 (on-line giving only - does not count my \$150 match). Some confusion from board on what all figures mean in the report, but we'll follow up with Suzanne when she's available to discuss further. Total income from CSW 2017 = \$2730.36 Total cost includes time, dues, and cost of review by Johnson Block. \$1,950 in monies from RRC based on review fee of \$1,700."

f. CRM Options and other IT related: nothing to report.

Adjournment at 7:30