

**Rock River Coalition Annual Membership Meeting, TTW Celebration, & Election of Board Members
Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 Rotary Center- Riverside Park, Beloit, WI**

Board Members Present: Jane Carlson, Suzanne Wade, Eric Compass, Jim Kerler, Dave Hoffman, Joe Zakovec, Patricia Cicero, Dan Lynch

Others Present: (based off sign-up sheet- not all attendees checked in. Counted 40+ in attendance) – Nancy Sheehan, Marsha Vomastic, Patty Lynch, Amanda Frisbee, David Luebke, Greg Boysen, Carl Korfmacher, Gary Adamski, Shelia DeForest, Mike Flesch, Harry Mathos, Bill Frisbee, Andy Selle, Lisa Couley, Mark Reidel, Joe Van Rossum, Ingrid West, Rachel Terracina, Caitlin Peterson, Porter Vande Voort, Jojo O'Brien, Jeff Smyczek, Karl Brandstaetter, Sandy Thorpe, Rep. Mark Spreitzer, and Rep. Amy Loudenbeck.

ANNUAL MEETING: General Assembly

1. Welcome and Introduction to TTW Celebration and Annual Meeting:

Welcome and introduction from Jane and Suzanne about the RRC's mission and Testing the Waters event that just ended prior to the meeting.

2. Welcome from Rep. Mark Spreitzer and Rep. Amy Loudenbeck:

Both representatives spoke in favor of the Testing the Waters program and continued water quality management, education, and conservation for the Rock River basin.

3. What we learned during TTW- Stories from the River and Classroom:

Suzanne introduced all the paddlers, staff, and then committee members and asked them to stand up and shared one thing they learned from the Testing the Waters experience. Everyone shared great stories about their involvement with TTW and the contributions they made.

Eric Compas reported some preliminary data that was collected via the probe arrays and presented the interactive map where almost 30,000 data points were collected along the 10-day paddle. Most of this data can be found on the website that recorded the water quality parameters taken by each probe.

Karl Brandstetter talked briefly on the programming with schools in the basin and said how engaged the students were in learning about water quality.

4. Sneak-peek at the new Interactive Citizen Stream Monitoring Map:

Nancy gave a good presentation on the citizen monitoring program and the latest interactive mapping portal to view what streams are being monitored and the water quality data for each site.

ANNUAL MEETING: RRC Board of Directors Matters

5. Approval of 2015 Minutes:

Patricia moved to approve the 2015 Annual Meeting minutes with amended changes, seconded by Lisa; motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Dan Lynch reported on the 2015 Financial Summary as viewed in the Annual Report. For fiscal year ending on 12/31/15 RRC's net revenue was \$65,633.00, total expenses were \$53,439.00, for an increase of \$12,194.00 (includes both restricted and unrestricted funds).

7. RRC Accomplishments:

Jane reported that 26 different communities are included in the Adaptive Management Program. We continued to expand and develop our citizen monitoring program. We completed Year 3 of the Yahara WINs citizen monitoring, to help those partners establish a water quality baseline and assess progress in their phosphorus adaptive management program. Jane reiterated that the citizen stream monitoring program continues to be the highest priority for the Rock River Coalition.

8. Chapter Updates:

Friends of Badfish Creek: has continued their six year Japanese knotweed eradication efforts at Riley Road funded by the DNR's Aquatic Invasive Species grant program. They are continuing to work on the Badfish Creek access site on Old Stage Rd. by having high school students clear invasives and working with the DNR to install a kiosk and picnic table in the parking lot. They also held Adopt-A-Highway cleanups in July and October.

Johnson Creek Watershed Association: continues regular stream monitoring and completed the first "annual" creek cleanup on Sept. 12 with 20 local volunteers. JCWA created a webpage that is now linked with RRC's website. Lastly, in 2015, they've began to work with the Village of Johnson Creek and municipal members of RRC to advance plans for creating a conservancy park along the creek.

Maunasha River Alliance: held a river clean-up in 2015 and continued to monitor the river. MRA members helped staff a booth at the Learning fair and continue to hold monthly monitoring sessions.

9. Thank you to Board Members:

RRC will see Jim Kerler, Dan Lynch, Patty Lynch (financial assistant), Tabby Davis, and Suzanne Wade step down from their board positions. A big thanks to all of them for their help and dedication to the RRC over the years. A special thank you to Suzanne Wade for her 17 years of service and going over and above her normal board member duties.

10. Election of New Board Members:

President Jane Carlson called for nominations of Andy Selle (engineer for Fort Atkinson), Carl Korfmacher (owner of Midwest Prairies), Lyndsey Schreiner, and Karl Brandstaetter (UW-Whitewater student) as new board members which came recommended by the Board of Directors as previously discussed in previous meetings. Lisa Couley moved to close the election; second by Patricia; motion carried. Patricia moved for unanimous consent to elect all board members; seconded by Joe; motion carried.

Annual General Assembly and Board of Director meetings adjourned at 5:22 PM.

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- President Jane Carlson called meeting to order at 5:23 PM
- Motion to elect Jane Carlson as President, Joe Zakovec as President-elect, Patricia Cicero as Treasurer and Dave Hoffman as secretary by Eric Compass; seconded by Carl K.; motioned carried.
- Board discussed future board meeting dates that will work for everyone.
- Board discussed the annual retreat and dates that might work.
- Brief talk on filling the void of Suzanne leaving the board.
- Adjourn at 5:31.