

Rock River Coalition Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Board Members
Monday, May 8, 2016 Herron's Landing, Jefferson, WI

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE RRC 2016 ANNUAL MEETING. FINAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES WILL NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL MAY OF 2018.

Board Members Present: Jane Carlson, Eric Compass, Dave Hoffman, Joe Zakovec, Patricia Cicero, Andy Selle, Carl Korfmacher

Others Present:

Annual Meeting- General Assembly

1. Welcome, Introduction and Announcements:

President Jane Carlson welcomed everyone in attendance. There were 30 people who attended.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting:

Tabled until next annual meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Patricia reported on the 2016 Financial Summary as viewed in the Annual Report. For fiscal year ending on 12/31/16 RRC's net revenue was \$50,443.00, total expenses were \$65,194.00. Net assets of unrestricted funds at the beginning of the year was \$9,042.00 and the end of the year was \$8,834.00. Net assets of project funds or grants at the beginning of the year was \$19,571 and the end of the year was \$5,029.00.

The deficit is higher this year due to reimbursement of grants and contributing funds that should have been received in 2016 but will not be received until 2017. Lisa Conley motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Janice Redford; motion approved.

4. Activity Reports:

President's Report: Jane began by thanking the RRC board and staff for all of their hard work, outstanding contributions, and dedication to improving the Rock R. basin. Also, wanted to recognize the citizen stream monitors for their enthusiasm and all the good work they do for the RRC.

Chapter- Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed: FBCW members made great progress on a canoe/kayak landing of Badfish Creek on Old Stage Rd. They also worked on an interactive online paddling map with detailed information and numerous waypoint. The map should be fully functioning in 2017.

Chapter- Maunasha River Alliance: Not much activity or reporting to the RRC this year.

Chapter- Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance: The JCWA hosted an invasive species identification workshop and stream clean-up in fall of 2016. A significant amount of trash was collected along the shoreline. JCWA also hosted a dinner and provided updates on their work during the Testing the Waters: a Paddle and Probe Adventure.

Citizen Stream Monitoring: Nancy Sheehan gave a sincere thanks to all volunteers who help with the stream monitoring program. This program trained, equipped and supported 127 volunteers who

donated an estimated 2,400 hours. Volunteers monitored 99 stream sites resulting in 4,572 water quality results entered in the DNR's SWIMS database. Also, 56 nutrient samples were collected through the Yahara WINs grant funded through the DNR's Wisconsin Action Volunteer program. There were 55 temperature gauges installed at various stream sites throughout the basin. Nancy also finished the stream report card and interactive map which gives a grade to all stream monitoring sites based off the samples taken at each location.

Testing the Water- A Paddle and Probe Adventure: During May of 2016, the RRC hosted a unique monitoring effort, paddling 130 river miles from Mayville to Beloit over 11 days. The goal was to engage communities of the Rock River Basin by exploring water quality issues, recreational opportunities and the role of the public in water conservation. This was accomplished by collecting, analyzing, and sharing water quality data with specially designed equipment mounted on a kayak. The probes tested for pH, conductivity, temperature and dissolved oxygen every ten seconds and uploaded the results via smartphones to an online map. The associated educational community events focused on water quality in the Rock River, what is being done to improve it, and what communities and people are doing to make a difference. Overall, the event was a huge success! The Rock River Coalition was able to gather essential water quality data as well as increase awareness of water quality in communities within the Rock River Basin. A full report is available on the RRC website.

5. Election of New Board Members:

President Jane Carlson nominated Bob Hansis as a new board member and called for nominations of new board members from the floor three separate times.

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

Presentation of Protector and Friend Awards and Brief Statements:

Individual Category: Suzanne Wade

Elected Official: Representative Mark Spreitzer, Wisconsin's 45th Assembly District

Organization: Yahara WINs - Dave Taylor and Kathy Lake

Business: Taylor Conservation, LLC, Scott Taylor

Educator: Dr. Ann Courtier, UW- Whitewater

Friends Awards: Jim Kerler, Dan Lynch, Patty Lynch, Marie Rubietta, Marsha Vomastic

Keynote Talk

Proposed Monterey Dam Removal - Tim Whittaker, City of Janesville

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President Jane Carlson called meeting to order at 5:40 PM

Motion to elect Bob Hansis to the board by Patricia; seconded Suzanne; motioned carried.

Adjourn at 5:45.

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