

## **FBCW Plan Committee Meeting**

February 28, 2013

Attendees: Lynne, Patty , Sharon, Caroline, Ingrid

Official welcome to new member Patty Glines-Kotecki! Lives near Paoli in Oregon Township. Does lots of paddling, white water kayaking.

### **Old Business**

Lynne handed out Wheel Against Weeds brochure. There are also posters if anyone has a good place for them. Lynne will attend planning meeting on March 12, 8:30 am at the Koffee Kup in Stoughton; others can attend if they wish. Need to create presentation on invasive species control for event. Right now we have poster, cards, predators, spray and injection equipment, knotweed wildcards. The event is May 11 from 10-12 at the Riley Rd bridge, and lunch at Magnolia Branch Park. Sharon and Patty volunteered. Need more volunteers.

Dane County Parks/Chris James report: county can acquire land in BC watershed if opportunity arises with: willing landowner, desire on part of county, and county funds available. No other assistance unless we propose it. Caroline brought up that there used to be meetings of groups to share ideas. Could we try to have a potluck to get groups together? What can RRC do to help us?

Yahara WINS: MMSD is project sponsor. We are Interested Party. Goal is to improve Yahara Watershed water quality for less money by MMSD paying farmers to do conservation measures in areas of watershed identified as important rather than incurring a huge expenditure in water treatment which would be passed on to the customers. If deemed successful in Yahara watershed, this cutting edge approach called Adaptive Management will be implemented in rest of state.

<http://www.madsewer.org/YaharaWINSHome.htm>

Leedle Mill bridge update from Jim Post emails. He found that we can't do anything about the debris in the stream. The company that designed the new bridge didn't know the debris from old bridge was there so their plan didn't include removing it. The contractor didn't know either and wasn't paid to remove, plus DNR had told them to not disturb anything. Suggest if DNR won't do anything then have to mark the hazard with buoys. Discuss at next meeting.

Marsha reviewed the recent results from the survey, showing some of the highlights.

### **New Business**

Mad City Paddlers. (They do river cleanups on the Badfish, by the way.) They conduct monthly program with potluck and meeting at Monona Library. As a chance to form alliance we will do a program on Badfish Creek on 3/7/13. Ingrid, Caroline and Patty will go with Lynne. Lynne will try to get Jim P. to run the fly-over video.

Rock River Basin monitoring map done by students in UW-Whitewater.

<http://studentgis.uww.edu/fall2012/RRC/>

Dane County Environmental Grant – Lynne sent in report from last year’s grant of \$176.

RRC Stream monitoring steering committee meeting. Lynne attended and talked about our site.

Promised to do once a month with biotic index spring and fall.

Angela Schmit is a teacher at Oregon High School who is interested in working with us because she started class for kids on wetlands and streams. (Might be interested in Adopt-A-Highway?) Lynne will talk with her.

Financial update: We have \$20 left on AIS grant. Lynne still wants to put up a sign at Riley Rd. We still have \$172.73 from MMSD grant. \$61 in RRC memberships as of end of 2012.

## Action Items

Let Lynne know by March 15<sup>th</sup> if you can attend the Wheels Against Weeds event.

Lynne and Sharon will determine dates for the monitoring and email dates to everyone in case others want to attend monitoring.

Marsha will check link to Wheels Against Weeds on website, report from someone said it is broken. (fixed)

Need to define dates for activities for:

- Garlic mustard – 1-hour session, after snow melt and before flower. Sat. April 6 is tentative date for weather and plants; also do monitoring with whoever is interested
- Adopt-A-Highway – Saturday, 4/20 - need at least 6 people to show up 9 - noon
- Wheel Against Weeds – May 11
- Parsnip – late June, early July; early date June 29 - latest date Sat. July 13; need to get it before flowering; Old Stone Rd.
- Canoe outing – August 24, rain date August 31
- Adopt-A-Highway – fall TBD
- knotweed – spray and inject in September or October, need to be flexible for weather

We should encourage others to sign up for events by emailing Lynne.

## Next Meeting

Review 5 year plan

Ingrid suggested changing to a set day each month. Second Thursdays? Third Thursdays?