

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Minutes

March 10, 2011 6:00pm

In Attendance: Lynne, Marsha, Sharon, Ingrid, Christine

Old Business:

February minutes approved

Grant proposal is postponed until next year. MMSD (Madison Metropolitan Sewer District) needs a year notice for match.

The Event – June 11

Although MMSD can't do signs this year they can help supply many other resources; can plan for signs for next year; RRC will partner for the signage

Schedule: goal 9 -- noon-ish

#1 stop 9:00 am – 9:45: Meet at Nine Springs – 2 venues at MMSD; multipurpose room for 15 minute video (we can preview), also fish tank room and birding boardwalk; minimum 30 minutes needed; probably 45"; possibly coffee or chocolate, donuts

20" travel

#2 stop 10:05-10:30: Oregon - Butter Factory Creek- ECOS involvement? A port-a-potty would cost about \$100

15" travel

#3 stop 10:45 – 11:15: Badfish Wildlife Area –Maureen Rowe presentation? about uplands, riparian wetland, etc. Parsnip too; 30"

15" travel

#3 Cooksville 11:30 -12:30: Jeff Stevens, Biologist for MMSD – macroinvertebrate presentation; knotweed; interactive macroinvertebrate collection

end -- Cooksville Store is on board for a grill; a Badfish sandwich perhaps?

Going back to cars at Nine Springs; Lake Kegonsa Rd knotweed en route?; back at cars by 1:00?

Ingrid obtain some DNR wild cards for parsnip, knotweed, garlic mustard and brochures to hand out.

Adopt-A-Highway

Christine filed paperwork but has not heard anything back; Sign will read:



Candidate emails: By April 5th Election Day

Save the date postcard and ecard; about 30; request tentative response for lunch purposes (nice if we could get a sponsor); MMSD might be able to do up to \$300 (but might need that for something else); maybe Trout Unlimited or canoe groups? River Alliance? Rutabaga? Dane County Conservation League? Rotary Club? Audubon Society? Village of Oregon?

Ingrid will write letter of request. \$25 each; Letter by end of next week.

Christine will be contact for Cooksville Store; a Badfish sandwich would be cool

Post card Contents: (**Marsha** will pull together draft)

Who: You are a decision maker in our area

What: We have a jewel in our own backyard; hunting, fishing , water quality, canoeing, recreation, conservation. Underused resource

Why: We'd like to give you a snapshot so you can appreciate it

When: Save the Date June11

Where: Watershed tour Nine Springs to Cooksville

Include Facebook and website addresses

Refreshments and hands-on activities and expert speakers; we'll even show you how to use a parsnip predator

Last stop is lunch at grill

Jim will write formal invitation to send by April 30th

2 weeks before date – reminder email

Natural Area Designation –Lynne sent out email to River Alliance and canoe group; asking folks to send letters of support – orgs that we are asking for donations

Lynne will call Chris James for status; Lynne will make bookmark to tuck into brochure for letter of support to Dane County

New Business:

The photos that Lynne took of creek without effluent shows a more natural state downstream than expected. Post to Facebook? Will try for before and after photos at same spots to show the difference. The photos show Knotweed at Kegonsa Street Bridge.

Ingrid reports that a friend who lives by Mandt Park has huge patch of knotweed in backyard; Diane Hugh interested in participating with our project.

Ingrid will provide contact info and **Lynne** will contact her.

RRC Reflections deadline is March 25th if anyone wants to contribute.

Light on the Prairie: Outdoor neon sign; do we want our name on it? Illuminated art exhibition annual event in Cooksville in April. Can we do fundraiser? (They are on Facebook?) We could have glow in the dark t-shirts! Info on the event:

<http://www.thedailypage.com/theguide/details.php?event=258975>

Next Year Grant – presentation to MMSD for signs in May; just **Lynne and Ingrid**

March 24th & 25th Volunteer Stream Monitoring at Lucier Center; Lynne needs ideas for a poster; mostly photos though; Wild cards, knotweed predators

Christine met someone who discussed possibility of using goats or native animals for invasive control; possible speaker at future meeting to discuss possibilities?

Next Meeting: April 7 at 6:15 – 8:00