

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed

Plan Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 3, 2010
6:30-8:00pm
Ancora Coffee, Stoughton

Attending: Lynne Diebel, Sharon Beall, James Danky, Caroline Werner
Excused: Scott Taylor

Old Business

Stream Monitors: Lynne will start early April at Riley Road; she'll email Sharon a week ahead, if it will be on F, Sat or Sun. Sharon may do a different site; she's considering the confluence of Butter Factory Creek and Oregon Branch, in which case she would sample both.

Knotweed calendar: Scott again sent word that he is committed to working all year on the knotweed project. Scott and Lynne will start monitoring in early April. The Plan Committee will begin spraying before the stuff gets too tall, and then follow last year's spraying schedule.

April 24, 2010 Invasives Training: Lynne, Jim, Sharon and Caroline will attend the classroom session. Lynne and Caroline will also attend the canoe session. Scott sent word that he will probably NOT attend. Caroline already signed up with Laura and Lynne will sign up the rest.

Butter Factory Creek Cleanup: A decision was made to cancel the cleanup. Caroline will email the high school (and cc Sharon).

June 12 Canoe Outing: Lynne brought a map: the route is from Casey Road on the Badfish to Fulton's Murwin Park on the Yahara, about 3 hours for a large group. We'll have a picnic at the park. Lynne recommends a morning paddle, with participants meeting at 9am at Casey Road to set up the shuttle. Lynne will email all contacts a Save the Date message, referring them to the Web site and assuring them we won't pester them with emails. Caroline will send Lynne her email list.

Wild Parsnip Project/Dane County Environmental Council grant: Lynne wrote a Community Partners grant which was signed by Lisa Conley and mailed on Feb 26. The grant is for \$255 to buy 7 Parsnip Predators, heavy duty trash bags and field markers. We'll receive notice in about 7 weeks, mid-April. Lynne will attend a meeting of the Stoughton Conservation Club on March 8 to recruit potential workers and will also contact Dane County Conservation Club members who helped with the knotweed. If we get the grant, the work day will be **Saturday, June 5** for 4 hours. If we expect more than 7 workers, we can also borrow 3 parsnip diggers from the DNR's Fish Hatchery Road office and 2 from WERC. If we get the grant, Jim offered to store our Parsnip Predators at his house.

Membership Drive: Lynne talked about membership with Scott who advised that we cannot offer official membership unless the person joins RRC. Thus instead of offering free membership as previously planned, we will focus on recruiting RRC members.

Lynne will print 75 updated FBCW inserts for the RRC brochure.

Cooksville Community Center program: Lynne emailed Martha Degner, who said that she can probably fit us in and will get back to us with a date.

Badfish signs: Jim reported that the total cost for 16 signs and 8 posts from Decker is \$742.40. He asked MMSD for \$242.40 additional to cover the 8 sign posts for the township roads. If they agree, we will thank MMSD with every conceivable form of media coverage: print, broadcast and web.

Town of Porter program: Jim is waiting to hear back from Dave Viney about doing a 15-minute knotweed project program during a Town of Porter meeting.

New Business

April 23 Evansville Earth Day Fair: Scott requested volunteers to table at the fair with Ed Grunden of RRC. Sharon and Lynne volunteered. They will get the money jar and watershed map from Scott and take along about 50 RRC brochures with FBCW filled in the chapter line and the updated FBCW inserts.

Canoeopia, March 13: Lynne will hand out updated RRC/FBCW brochures at the River Alliance table.

Mar 26 deadline for RRC newsletter: Lynne will submit the Canoe Outing date.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Diebel