

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Minutes

April 11, 2012 6:15 pm Stoughton Library

In Attendance: Lynne, Marsha, Christine, Jim D, Jim P, Sharon

Old Business:

1. Local Officials Addendum; User Survey

Lynne will finish up the Local Officials addendum and send it around for approval. Marsha got suggestions on the User Survey and will send the edited version to the RRC Board via Scott for critique.

Discussion:

Jim P: MMSD questions to add to the survey? Add MMSD Tours to the checklist.

Jim D: Have Parisi send it to Dane County employees (implied endorsement) after the RRC Board finishes critique.

Marsha: we'll eventually customize it.

Jim D: We'll learn more about the Badfish and how it's used than has ever been done.

Jim P: Open and close date? Marsha: Do it in two week or less modules, each with an open and close date.

2. POSP

Dane County Board resolution was to be introduced Mar 15

3. Dane County Environmental Council grant

FBCW got \$176, less than requested b/c of multiple applications.

4. Stream Cleanup

Discussion:

Lynne: Vern Maltby of Mad City Paddlers is experienced with chainsaws in streams. Contact him for help.

Jim P: Has an associate at MMSD who lives in watershed near Rutland Dunn Road and might help with cleanup (his expertise would be a Big match for grant). Will do GPS canoe trip and document blockages.

5. Besadney Grant 2013

\$100 to \$1000; Due mid-January 2013; matching funds required

Discussion:

Lynne: Mad City Paddlers (Carl Zimm, also with Hoofers and Sierra Club)) want us to present at one of their fall/winter meetings, so we could ask for support from them. Will contact Carl about setting a date.

Jim D: Ask Carl Zimm for a Hoofers honorarium as matching funds. Students share our aims, could they help us? Expert free labor from students as interns. Help us navigate campus issues.

Jim P: Critical mass of talk about FBCW right now. New communications director at MMSD.

Jim D: Is there an award for groups that work with polluted waterways/stressed streams?

Jim P: NAQUA?

Marsha: Create a plan this summer/ get an intern next summer.

Jim P: Burns and mowing in the Wildlife Area right now. Get a summary from Nancy Frost and offer to help.

6. 2012 Calendar

Lynne will email date savers to various groups.

April 17 (Tues), 6-7pm, Garlic mustard workhour (rain date April 26) Lynne brings equipment.
May 26 (Sat), 9-12, Wild Parsnip workday, work next to creek.
June 9 (Sat), 9-12, Adopt-a-Highway

New Business:

1. **Sign Project idea** from Jim P: Signs at a water sampling site on Sugar River are worth copying (emailed image.) Committee concluded that the **Google Earth Tour** by Jim P belongs in all presentations.

2. **Knotweed Report**

Lynne found greatly reduced knotweed at Riley Road bridge. Karl Manthe from Stoughton Streets Dept called and expressed interest in FBCW help with AIS grant for Stoughton knotweed

3. **Stream Monitoring**

Lynne and Sharon will monitor April 17 at 5pm. Jim P said this is good timing as the disinfecting period begins April 15.

Next Meeting: Wed, May 9, 6:15-7:30, Stoughton Library (room to be announced later)

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynne Diebel

Scott's April 3 email:

Greetings: I guess this is old news now but the Natural Heritage Land Trust protected an agricultural parcel on the headwaters of the Rutland Branch -- the only trout stream in our watershed. Read about it in the newsletter: <http://www.nhlt.org/pdf/newsletter-2012-spring.pdf> The parcel was inside of the Badfish NRA, however I'm sure the easement was in the works well ahead of the revised Dane Co. POSP.

I think protecting the headwaters of sensitive streams is one of the most valuable uses of conservation easements. I encourage you to join NHLT if you are not already a member.

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