

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Plan Committee

January 8, 2014

Present: Lynne Diebel, Sharon Beall, Christine Felton, Ingrid West, Mark Ballweg, Jim Danky, Jim Post, Katherine Peterson

New Members

Welcome to Katherine Peterson and Mark Ballweg! We're delighted to have you join the Committee.

Strategic Plan Review

Jim D recommended updating the document.

Survey: Handed out cards to new members and encouraged all to ask people to take survey.

Canoe Landing: Lynne proposed starting work on a canoe landing with a sign at Old Stage Road. Jim P said there is a weed-cutting platform there, as well as at Hwy A and Rutland–Dunn Rd, from the days when the phosphorus level in the creek was much higher. Lynne said that Wildlife Area property manager had said this is possible. We decided to meet at the site in early February, or even earlier (Doodle poll), to get an idea of what is needed. If it's a go, Lynne and whoever wants to help will write a grant app to the Dane County Environmental Council, hopefully for both the Capital grant and the Community grant. Ingrid will talk with Mindy Haebecker to see if that's possible. Jim D suggested that we approach MMSD about partnering and use of earth-moving equipment as a cost-share. Jim D suggested we look for "prepackaged" canoe landing plans, and contact Suzanne Wade and the Friends of Sugar River for ideas. Sharon aptly described the nature and pace of our work on the canoe landings as "relationship building" in reference to conversations with Nate Gallagher and his wife, who own the property at the Cooksville bridge.

Canoe Survey Trip: We need to do a Project RED canoe survey from Leedle Mill bridge to Riley Road, with GPS, invasive species identifiers, a recording person.

Action items: recheck with Badfish Creek Wildlife Area property manager, meet at site, talk to Mindy, talk to MMSD, find landing plans, write grant(s) by Feb 28, plan canoe survey trip.

2013 Status Report

Sharon will write the report.

Knotweed Work Plan

Lynne reported that this is year 6 of the JK project and that the AIS people at the DNR gave us a 1-year extension. We must finish the project and write the final report by Dec 31, 2014. On Oct 25, 2013, Susan Graham of the DNR told Lynne that we have \$1,231 left in the grant. Some of

that goes to RRC so we need to check with Patricia about how much we can spend. Scott Taylor said to use funds to buy new herbicide and sedge grass plants. Christine suggested goats for the workdays and Jim P said his family will have more goats in the spring.

Action Items: get balance update from Patricia, buy supplies and plants, plan 2 knotweed work days and 1 garlic mustard pull (Doodle polls), consider goats, write final report.

Web Site Report

Lynne read Marsha's email about porting the Web site.

Action items: Please look over site <http://143.95.35.23/~rockrive/rrc/> and report any problems to Marsha vomastic@gmail.com

Possible Spring Creek Monitoring Site

Lynne reported that Pete Jopke-Water Resources Planner, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department, said they are considering a new monitoring site on Spring Creek and will probably decide by the end of February. He will keep Lynne posted. Jim D said his wife Christine's uncle, Karl Wolter, owns land along the creek, offering possible access. Mark expressed interest in monitoring.

Action items: Lynne will email info on monitoring classes to the whole group.

RRC Stream Monitoring Steering Committee report

Lynne will email more info.

2014 Calendar (Doodle All)

Knotweed workdays (2)

Highway Cleanup (2)

Garlic mustard (1)

Parsnip (1)

Canoe Survey Trip (1)

Canoe Outing & Picnic (1)

Article on Yahara Pride Farms

Jim D brought in the article and Lynne forwarded the link.

http://host.madison.com/news/local/writers/jessica_vanegeren/article_dc2fbdaf-7cb0-5b19-8158-121c4ebe2a37.html