

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27th, 2015**

Next Regular Board Meeting: June 22, 2015

Attending this meeting: Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Joe Zakovec, Suzanne Wade, Dan Lynch, Dave Hoffman

Absent: Tabby Davis, Eric Compas, Jim Kerler

President Jane Carlson called meeting to order at 5:05 PM

1. Introductions: None.

2. Approval of April 22, 2015 Minutes:

Motion to approve the 4/22/15 minutes by Patricia; seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

3. Announcements:

Jane Carlson thanked Patricia for her past service as president.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Suzanne reported that the year-to-date treasurer's report has a total unrestricted income of \$9,032.50 and total restricted funds of \$39,506.14.

Unrestricted funds are lower than typical and additional fundraising is critical.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Joe; seconded by Patricia. Motion carried.

5. Membership Report:

The board reviewed the year-to-date membership report and looked over past members who did not renew their 2015 membership. Present board members chose about 12-15 names to contact and explain the benefits of being a RRC member. Patricia will provide all board members with their lists of contacts; contacts should be made before the June board meeting.

There was discussion on getting contact information from Nancy of all people trained for stream monitoring. Regardless of becoming a citizen monitor or not we should send membership information to everyone to encourage them to become members.

6. Stream Monitoring Report:

Nancy has been busy leading stream monitoring training workshops.

7. Chapter Liaison Reports:

Jane brought up that the board should invite a member of each chapter to attend a board meeting once throughout the year. We would like to have one of them attend a board meeting throughout the year, and have monthly updates or at least quarterly (with the newsletter) on what their group is up to.

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed- Jane will connect with them to get an update
Maunasha River Alliance- Nothing to report.

Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance- Suzanne reported that JCWA is hosting a stream clean up on September 12, 2015 which is the same date as Rock River Sweep.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Community Shares:

Suzanne has been speaking with Community Shares to find out what is exactly needed for the GAAP review.

We will invite Emily from Community Shares to attend a board meeting.

9. Retreat Follow Up:

Notes from the 2015 Board of Directors Retreat were distributed and reviewed.

10. Board Member Recruiting:

Jim Koepke's position is still vacant. Jane has been looking into agricultural related people to become a board member but has not contacted anyone directly yet. The board agrees we do not need to define this vacant seat as an agricultural related position. Eve Swenson has supported RRC quite a bit and shown interest in becoming a board member. Patricia will follow up with her to see her interest in becoming a board member.

11. Rock River Recovery Updates:

A lot of concern on budget cuts and the Rock River Recovery program. The board believes much of this was put back into the budget. Hopefully we will have another annual meeting at UW-Whitewater and that it can be advertised in the summer newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Conservation Buffers:

Ruth Johnson started an effort in Dodge County to pass a county ordinance to have wider conservation buffers. Possibly a report for the upcoming newsletter and Patricia will follow up with her.

13. Letters of Support:

Letters of support were sent to the City of Stoughton, Town of Dunn, City of Watertown on behalf of the RRC to help their efforts in obtaining a DNR Urban Non-point Source and Stormwater Management grant.

14. Newsletter:

Dan and Jim will be working on the summer edition newsletter. Articles are due by July 7th. Board members will send them possible article suggestions.

15. RRSB Contract:

Rock River Stormwater Group is in the process of forming a program for Nancy to train teachers on how to monitor streams. Patricia created a contract between the RRSB and the RRC for board approval with Nancy's input.

Motion to approve contract contingent on RRSB signing of the document by Joe; seconded by Suzanne. Motion carried.

16. Fundraising “phone-a-thon” next meeting:

Talk on possibly having board members take time during board meeting hours to make phone call to recruit new members. This may be considered for the future; for now we will focus on contacting the list of past members and contacts that have been assigned to each board member.

17. Annual Meeting:

Net income of \$463.53 bill from Cam-Rock was slightly less than anticipated, so a profit was made on the annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 by Patricia; seconded by Dave. Motion carried.