

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27th, 2016**

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 24th, 2016

Attending this meeting: Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Joe Zakovec, Suzanne Wade, Dave Hoffman, Jim Kerler

Absent: Eric Compas, Dan Lynch, Tabby Davis

President Jane Carlson called meeting to order at 5:15 PM

1. Introductions:

Board welcomed Joe Van Rossum, new UW-Ex Rock River Basin Natural Resource Educator. Joe will be working with stakeholders on implementing the Rock River Recovery through community engagement and education.

2. Approval of Dec. 10, 2015 minutes and Dec. 16, 2015 minutes:

Motion to approve as amended by Jim; seconded by Suzanne; motion carried.

3. Announcements:

Patricia- Friends of GHA are having their winter fair and two new monitors will have a RRC display there. Nancy and Patricia giving a talk at the Lakes Conference. Suzanne- Rock R. forum at UW-Ex March 2nd in the morning. Suzanne will give a brief talk on chapters. Dave did interview with Northwest Quarterly magazine to talk about the Rock River Trail Initiative and RRC. Plugged Testing the Waters.

4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of 2016 Minutes:

2016 budget was discussed and minor adjustments were made. Total unrestricted funds as of 1/27/16 are \$8,924.00.

Motion to approve 2016 budget with corrections by Dave; seconded by Jim; motion carried.

5. Membership Report:

We're better off at this point this year than we were last year. We will continue to invite monitors to become members. Ingrid will send out a reminder letter for members that haven't renewed.

6. Stream Monitoring Report:

Patricia reported the annual review with the Nancy, Citizen Monitor Coordinator, went well. Plan for better communication in future. Gave Nancy "guidelines for new projects." She is planning on having the confluence in the fall rather in the spring. Stream monitoring steering committee will meet March 10.

7. Chapter Liaison:

Maunsha River Alliance: Jim will continue talking with Matt from MRA to come to a board meeting (not May).

Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance: Nothing to report.

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed: Nothing to report.

Friends of Turtle Creek: Cut invasives at Turtle Creek Parkway- Rock Co. to open view of historic Tiffany Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Brief Updates:

a. Community Shares: Big Share is March 1st, 2016. About \$900 made last year. Tabby will boost on Facebook. Suzanne will get more details on this by next board meeting. Send a Mail Chimp email blast for Big Share.

b. Fundraising: do our due diligence for fundraising.

c. Board Member Recruiting: Jane will talk with Andy Selle.

d. Administrative Assistant Hiring: Four applicants for this position of which two stood out to conduct interviews with. Jane and Dave will help with interviews.

9. Rock River Recovery Updates:

Suzanne- there's an upcoming meeting and there was a nice update in newsletter about what they're doing.

Joe Van Rossum- DNR planning on having their implementation plan from EPA hopefully this spring.

10. Testing the Waters:

Dates have changed to May 15 - May 25. Important dates to attend are the first and last. Bill Frisbee, Engineer for Beloit Storm Water Utility, offered to paddle the ride pro bono. Face to face meeting with Testing the Waters committee. Need for some volunteers for transporting paddlers.

We'll hear shortly from DNR regarding grant.

11. Documentation of Email Votes:

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Newsletter:

Get next one out last week of April. Articles to Suzanne by April 5th. Jane and Dave will solicit articles.

13. Retreat Planning:

Possibly waiting until summer (July-Aug).

Adjourn 7:05