

Friends of Cherokee Marsh ~ Board of Directors Meeting
21 MAY 2008 (Wednesday) ~ 5:30-7:30p
Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library ~ 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Present: Jan Axelson, Jon Becker, Don Hammes, Sheri Harper, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson, Dick Walker, Dorothy Wheeler

SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

1) Muriel moved to approve the April board minutes with one typo correction requested by Aaron. Aaron seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

1) monthly balance update - Our balance is \$1001.94. Jan moved to approve the monthly statement. Muriel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2) proposed expenditures: forthcoming purchases, expenses, etc. - Aaron will follow up on Friends of Lakeview Hill buying our half of the easy-up farmers market tent our groups bought together last year. The board thanks Don for donating his easy up to FOCM.

SPECIAL

New Directors

1. Proposal: bylaw amendment to enable adding Directors whose initial term expires at the next annual membership meeting. Requires 2/3 approval.

Amendment 1

To fill a position created by increasing the size of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors may appoint an Interim Director to serve a term that expires at the next annual membership meeting. These appointed Interim Directors have the same powers and responsibilities as elected Directors.

2. Resolution (to enable adding Directors):

The number of voting Directors (including vacancies) is nine.

3. Resolution:

Approve appointing Sheri Harper as Interim Director for a term that expires at the 2009 annual membership meeting.

4. Resolution:

Approve appointing Richard D. Walker as Interim Director for a term that expires at the 2009 annual membership meeting.

Jon moved to approve items 1-4. Aaron seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Grant applications – Jan: our DNR river protection planning grant application has been submitted. The project start date is July 1. on has information about a possible Dane County Conservation League Grant, the Natural Resources Foundation Grant and the State Wildlife Grant program for non-game species.

2. 2008/09 Board director recruitment: update - Jon will restart recruitment of new directors and welcomes suggestions from others.

On June 10, at 5:30 pm, Jon will talk about our group at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Yahara Headwaters in Deforest.

3. CPI communications: update - Jon: the Madison Common Council has approved the 5th addition development. Jon will meet on 5/22 to check with the DNR and county on the eligibility of subarea 4 for conservation funds.

4. CARPC update - Jon and others in the CARPC environmental group met with the mayor to discuss CARPC appointees and observed a meeting of WI office of energy independence

5. Friends of Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership survey – Jan will send our survey response with one addition from Jon.

6. Northside Planning Council notes - Muriel: Northside Planning Council is planning its 15-year celebration this fall.

7. Farmer's Market - Muriel has the materials for tabling at the Northside market. Aaron will request to table at the Dane County Farmers Market on June 28.

8. Board general liability insurance –Aaron moved to purchase a 1-year policy recommended by Jon and pay the \$150 premium for 6 months. Muriel seconded. The motion passed 5-1. Jon will request answers to any questions we have about the policy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Friends of Friends meeting - Our July board meeting will be in Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park North Unit at 5:30 pm. At 6:30 in the same location, we will host the County Friends of Friends meeting and possible potluck picnic, followed by a hike at 7:30. Lakeview Branch Library is the rain location for the meetings. Aaron will contact Russ Hefty. Jon will contact the Friends of Friends.

2. Voyageur canoes event - Dick moved to reserve the canoes from the DNR on the evening of June 20. Jan moved to do so only if FOCM does not need to insure the event and if qualified "captains" are available for the canoes. The motion passed 5-1. Jon will contact the County for information and to confirm the reservation.

3. Take a Stake in the Lakes cleanup - June 14 and June 21 - no discussion.
4. Wetland Restoration Act - Don - tabled til June.
5. Bob Birmingham canoe tour of Indian mounds. Sheri moved to set a tentative date and time this fall. Dick seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Aaron will contact Bob.
6. Sierra Club outing - Jon led the outing in the Conservation Park.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 11, 2008 (WED) 5:30-7:30p