

MINUTES

Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors 08 OCT 2008, 5:30-7:30p
Lakeview Branch , Madison Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

Present: Jan Axelson, Jon Becker, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson, Dorothy Wheeler

Absent: Sheri Harper, Dick Walker

Guests: Steve Limbach, Justin Sargent, Steve Ackerman, Anne Pryor

SECRETARY REPORT - Jan

1. Review/approve SEP board minutes

Aaron moved to accept the Sept. minutes as amended via email. Muriel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jan will start putting the approved minutes on the website.

TREASURER REPORT - Aaron

1. Main account. Our main account balance is \$885.75. The grant account balance is \$3945.90. Updated 10/9/08 by email. Muriel moved to approve the report for the main account. Jon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. The DNR grant account has approximately \$4000. Aaron will email the full report.

Forthcoming expenditures (review/approval) –

Jon requested \$5 for obtaining a copy of our annual report from the state. Muriel moved to approve the expense. Jan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Outings update (incl. 12 OCT 2008 mound outing; 2009 Voyageur canoe TAS outing date/reservation) –

The Oct 12 walk is noon to 2 pm, Yahara Heights County Park. Aaron will bring refreshments.

Aaron has notified the DNR that we would like the Voyageur canoes next year for Take a Stake in the Lakes week. Aaron will find out if our request has been granted. Anne mentioned that The Paddlin Shop might have a large canoe available for events; Aaron will check out donation in-kind "sponsorship".

2. Tabling update (incl. 10 OCT 2008 YLLP conference) - Aaron, Sheri

Sheri will table at the YLLP conference. Anyone interested in tabling as other events, such as Northside Farmers Market, should contact Aaron or Sheri.

3. CPI - Jon, Muriel –

Discussion of possible land purchases. We viewed a report compiled by Jon (because of confidential nature of real estate data, hardcopy was placed in FOCM file)

(Other handouts from Jon: Jon presented a list of priorities for the marsh to Si Widstrand, Madison Parks, for possible presenting to funding sources. Si has the list of Cherokee Marsh recommendations from the 2000 Lake Mendota Priority Watershed Project report and will report back to us on what's been done and what remains to be done. Steve Loheide has submitted a proposal to map springs in the marsh. Parks may have an interest in a master plan for the marsh.)

4. Board director recruitment – Jon.

Nan Cheney and Justin Sargent may be interested.
Marcia Finger, Dana Erlandsen, and Lesleigh Luttrell may be interested next year.
Steve Ackerman and Anne Pryor may be interested in sharing a director position.

5. Yahara Lakes Legacy Partnership - Don, Jon –

A conference on water quality is this Fri. Jon will attend a Goal/Strategies/Tactics meeting in Nov.

6. Northside Planning Council – Muriel –

The Northside Planning Council's 15th anniversary celebration is Oct 10 at the Warner Park Rec Center.

7. Capital Area Regional Planning Council (incl. appeal of DNR approval of Subarea 1 CUSA) – Jon –

The FOCM petition to appeal addition of Subarea 1 to the CUSA was rejected on technical grounds. FOCM can appeal later via judicial appeal route after consulting with the CARPC environmental/watchdog group and approval by our board.

8. Arts/culture ad hoc committee update; FOCM eco-art award – Sheri, Aaron, Dick –

Aaron – Benvenutos has agreed to give a \$50 gift card to a prize winner. Aaron will submit a formal request. Jon will contact Sheri about the FOCM members eco-choice award/ballot for NOV 15 and the possibility of a people's choice award that would be given during library exhibition. Jon will check on additional Cherokee Clubhouse \$50 dinner certificate for this award.

9. Sewerage spill monitoring – Jan, Don – no news

10. DNR 2008/09 Grant – Jan – no news –

Financials – Sheri – not present

Hours/rates – Dick - not present

Display materials – Muriel –

The display is complete and on display at the Warner Park Rec Center. Jan will contact Sheri about getting the display to Monona Terrace for Friday.

501c3 Application – Jan (Dana Erlandsen) -

Jan - Dana is reviewing our materials.

Jon - We have proposed code of conduct and conflict of interest policies. A vote was deferred to the Nov. meeting.

- Northside News infomercials, Brochure, Telephone / number – Jon –

The Northside News pieces are continuing. The brochure is done. The phone number is operational and listed on the website.

- SWOT (NHLT: land use-oriented strategic plan) – Jon –

We have a proposal from the Natural Heritage Land Trust. Aaron moved to accept the proposal. Jan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Foundation funding – Jon – talks are continuing.

12. 2008/09 Goals: 9-month progress check – all –

Jan - the Lake Mendota Wetlands Important Bird Area nomination is almost complete and ready for submitting.

Jon – Education: Jon has suggested Eco-restoration apprentice/degree program and LTE park ranger to Si Widstrand.

Jon - City conservation fund for land purchase – no action.

13. Membership renewal/recruitment – all –

Jan will create a list of member emails for more direct communications.

Muriel volunteered to print and mail communications to those without email.

Aaron can generate mailing labels from our member database.

Jon will write a “summary of 2008 events to date” letter and a membership renewal letter.

Fund raising - deferred to Nov. meeting.

14. Lake-level Study Group: representation/process - Jon – no progress

15. HWY 113/Kennedy development – Muriel - deferred to Nov.

16. Upper Yahara River watershed collaboration- Jon –

The meeting is at Monona Terrace, Fri, 7:15 am. The groups will discuss boundaries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Small Grants Program - Don - deferred.

2. Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT): N Mendota study proposal – Jon –

This will take place next year via the Yahara Lakes Legacy Project with DNR funding.

3. Annual meeting: nominating committee (director/officer slate); featured presenter; other – Jon –

Aaron will contact members and form a committee for approval in Nov.

4. Outings: Benedictine Monastery 2009 – Jan will tell Nancy Schlimgen that we’re interested in sponsoring a walk next spring.