

## **Minutes**

### **Friends of Cherokee Marsh Board of Directors**

Nov. 18, 2009, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Lakeview Branch, Madison Public Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave., Madison

Present: Jan Axelson, Justin Sargent, Muriel Simms, Aaron Stephenson, Dick Walker

Excused Absence: David Clutter, Dana Erlandsen, Steve Ackerman

Unexcused Absence:

### **Secretary's Report**

- 1) Last month's board meeting minutes – Jan
  - a. Muriel moved, Dick seconded, passed unanimously.
- 2) Correspondence and communications – Aaron
  - a. Jan reports that Nan Cheney has resigned from the board, effective immediately. A thank you card will be signed by the board and sent to her.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- 1) Last month's account summaries – Aaron
  - a. Muriel moved, Justin seconded, passed unanimously.
- 2) Approve expenses.
  - a. No new expenses to report.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Annual meeting (January 2010). Jan, Muriel, Steve.
  - a. Select an event
    - i. Wildlife biologist Lisa Hartman and her turkey vulture, "Uncle Butzie," were selected unanimously.
    - ii. The board would like to invite Jim Kitchell to speak sometime in the next year, likely in the spring.
  - b. Select a date and time
    - i. Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10:00 AM was chosen as the preferred date and time.
  - c. Help with:
    - i. Notify all members, including members we don't have email addresses for

1. Justin will contact members without email addresses to get their email addresses, mailing newsletters to them. Muriel will assist if Justin cannot reach all these members.
  - ii. Publicity for general public
  - iii. Refreshments, also approve expense
    1. Justin, \$80 limit.
  - iv. Bring display board, brochures, Cherokee Marsh book, etc.
  - v. Setup and clean up
    1. Steve, Aaron, Justin volunteered
  - vi. Create and bring member volunteer signup sheets for goal activities
  - vii. Print and bring copies of year end financial report
    1. Aaron
  - viii. Print and bring copies of year end group report
    1. Jan
  - ix. Print and bring copies of minutes from previous member meeting
    1. Jan
  - x. Print and bring copies of most recent newsletter
    1. Jan
  - xi. Invite UW-Madison SEEDS Ecology Group?
    1. Dick will contact their faculty adviser, Randy Jackson.
- 2) Elections (January 2010) – Jan
  - a. Director statements for newsletter
    - i. David has not yet submitted statements to Jan. Aaron will not be seeking another term as a director.
  - b. Officers
    - i. Dana will serve as Treasurer, no one yet found for Secretary or Membership Coordinator.
- 3) Marsh photo book copyright agreement- Dana
  - a. Deferred.
- 4) DNR grant report - Dick, Jan
  - a. Jan will handle this and plans to accomplish within the month.
- 5) County and City budgets

- a. Both budgets passed.

## **New Business**

- 1) Madison Public Library book purchase
  - a. Resolution: Authorize Jan to order three copies of Cherokee Marsh: the Magic and the Mystery for the Madison Public Library. The Library will pay FOCM, and FOCM will reimburse Jan the amount she paid to blurb.com. The exact amount will depend on which edition the Library orders but shouldn't exceed \$150. Give the Library a \$10/book discount.
  - b. We will only charge the library cost. Dick moved, Muriel seconded, passed unanimously.
- 2) Board size - discussion – Jan
  - a. Discussed, no action taken.
- 3) Publicity
  - a. Agree that point people are responsible for publicity or assign a publicity person.
  - b. Deferred until next month.
- 4) Rock River Coalition's Send Your Legislator Down the River, June, 2010
  - a. Jan will contact them for more information.
- 5) USA for DeForest
  - a. Jan will email the president of the Friends of the Upper Yahara to ask their opinion about the matter and see if they would like our input.

Justin moved to adjourn the meeting. Dick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Stephenson