



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2018
Summit Township Hall
2121 Ferguson Drive, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:05 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kay Brown, Pam Brown, Dan Kaser, John Minar, Don Nelson, Kenny Price, Kurt Rudolph, Deb Snell and Benji Ward

Absent: Jon Hoyle, Jack Ripstra and Kurt LaFrance

Guest: none

AGENDA REVIEW:

Kenny wanted to add Goals to the discussion items, motion to accept amended agenda: Don Nelson

Second: Dan Kaser

Approve: all

MINUTES:

Pam Brown was left off the list of attendees, motion to accept amended minutes from March: Don Nelson

Second: Kay Brown

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There are 97 paid memberships for the year. There was one new member last month. Kenny wants a list of the 30 or so members who have not yet renewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack mailed out the statements.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

Don Nelson made the motion to move the April outing to the week after the Earth Day outing. The water levels are too high. Deb Snell seconds the motion and it was approved by all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

- Kenny picked up some 12 new donated paddles from Krupa's boat mart.
- Jon Hoyle had a medical issue and is recovering in a facility in Holt.
- We now have a fire proof lock box instead of a safety deposit box at the bank. It is at Jack's house.
- The April paddle is often a problem with either too much or not enough water. Kenny suggested that we have Earth Day be our first event/outing for the season. May would then be our first paddle event and we add a paddle to September, in addition to having our traditional river clean up. There was some discussion and it will be revisited during the May meeting.
- We seem to be on track for the Earth Day event.
- Goals had been over looked and there was some discussion about re-adopting the same set of goals as last year. There was also mentioned the new software for managing membership/events registration/website development etc., fund raising and Land Planning. Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting in anticipation of a full board.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: Pam Brown went over a few assignments from the newsletter. Kurt Rudolph will be taking over for Louise Hefka as our Publicity person.

Finances: Kurt LaFrance is looking into our Pay-Pal account about 'giving funds'.

Activities & Calendar: Passed around sign up sheet. No report.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: No report.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment Inventory: No report.

River Debris Removal: No report.

GREAT land: Plan No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: On going talks with the City of Jackson.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: No report.

JAOC: Earth Day April 22, 2018.

JCCD: May 19th at the Fair Grounds there will be the annual plant sale from 8-noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Nelson

Second: Pam Brown

Approve: all

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be May 9th, 2018 at the Blackman Township Hall at 7:00 P.M.,

Don Nelson, Recorder of Minutes

The mission of GREAT is to promote the protection and preservation of the Grand River Watershed through activities and educational programs.