



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2018
Blackman Township Hall
1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:04 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: none

Guest: none

AGENDA REVIEW:

Kenny added a few items; Wild Apricot, GLP Membership, Regina Funkhouser and Officers to the agenda, motion to accept amended agenda: Jack Ripstra

Second: Don Nelson

Approve: all

MINUTES:

Motion to accept minutes from January: Jon Hoyle

Second: Jack Ripstra

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There are 21 paid memberships already for the year, of these 9 are at the Sponsor level. One of note is Dawn Foods donated \$500 in response to the funding letter sent out last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Statements had been emailed to the board for their review, no discussion. Jack noted that we are \$400 up compared to this time last year.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

- There was some discussion about the 2018 Paddle Schedule. It was suggested that we put the events into chronological order and add graphics to the published version of our Activity Calendar. It was also determined to move the date for the October outing to the 7th and the June event to the 10th. Kay Brown made the motion, Dan Kaser seconded and all approved.
- The Annual Dinner will be held Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 PM and this year it will be at the Gene Davis and Sons Banquet and Convention Center on Frances Street. The choices for dinner were passed out and the roasted chicken and ham (#600 on the list) was picked. Kenny mention that we may need to set up some Audio/Video equipment for Doc Fletcher's presentation.
- 2018 Quiet Water Symposium will be held March 3 and this year there is a \$25 fee for a booth. Our fee has been summated and during the February meeting we will be passing around a sign up sheet for those who will be attending the event/working our booth. Deb is looking into display ideas.
- The December Invasive Species removal event went well. There were around 11 people show up and they got a lot done. Kenny talked about all of the help from Gerry Sequist. Don Nelson moved that we add Gerry to our Sponsors list for all of the work he has done for GREAT, Kenny seconded and it was approved by all.

- Jack presented the Annual Budget for 2018, there was little discussion and it was moved to present as is at the Annual Meeting by Don Nelson, seconded by Jack Ripstra and approved by all.
- The Wild Apricot software that Regina Funkhouser told us about in the November meeting looks like it could be a great solution but we need to know a little more about its workings. Kenny said he would try to set up a date/time to visit Regina and see if she would run a demonstration.
- The Great Lakes Paddlers (GLP) has had a long term relationship with GREAT and pay for a membership in GREAT each year. Kenny suggested that perhaps we should pay a membership to their organization as well. The motion was made by Don Nelson and seconded by Jon Hoyle and approved by all.
- Officers – Kenny once again mentioned that if anyone was interested in taking on the role of President, they are encouraged to make themselves know.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: Deb passed around a few flyers and has been sending around the typical emails to the group. Kenny went over a few ideas for the next newsletter for early February.

Finances: Covered previously.

Activities & Calendar: Covered previously.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: No report.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment Inventory: Don & Jack to look into kayaks for a new fleet.

River Debris Removal: No report.

GREAT land: Plan No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: There has been some meetings with the City of Jackson on future cooperation.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: The construction of the proposed pig farm in Concord has started.

JAOC: Earth Day April 22, 2018.

JCCD: Their Annual Dinner is January 23rd at Gene Davis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Nelson

Second: Jack Ripstra

Approve: all

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be February 14th, 2018 at the Summit 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.