



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2018
Blackman Township Hall
1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:07 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Jon Hoyle and Kurt LaFrance

Guest: none

AGENDA REVIEW:

Kenny wanted to add Wild Apricot to the agenda, motion to accept amended agenda: Jack Ripstra

Second: Kay Brown

Approve: all

MINUTES:

A couple corrections noted for the October minutes, motion to accept amended minutes: Jack Ripstra

Second: Kay Brown

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We have 132 memberships, 112 paid and 20 unpaid. There was one new membership form the October paddle. Deb mentioned that she would like to store the scrap books in large plastic tubs to protect them for the elements at the barn. It was move by Kurt Rudolph to authorize Deb Snell to spend up to \$60.00 to purchase such containers, seconded by Benji Ward and approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Statements had been emailed to the board for their review, no discussion.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

- The Activities and Finance committee meetings will be held at Jack Ripstra's house Wednesday, December 19th starting at 5:00.
- Many articles for the newsletter were late and we need to 'lock down' due dates for articles and dates for publication of the newsletter. This will be a topic for the December 19th meeting.
- Invasive Species cleanup on GREAT land is Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 to noon.
- The October paddle went well, there were 27 adults.
- We have section of dock provided by Eagle Point Marina thanks to the help of Judy and George Mc Cord of Rives Junction. They were at the October meeting discussing river clearing methods and shared with us that they were working on a barge with a small crane for removing debris from the section of the Grand River in their township.
- There is agreement that we need to seek additional funding to support GREAT and that using Wild Apricot to manage our affairs. It was moved by Don Nelson and seconded by Kurt Rudolph to get Wild Apricot software and start using it in January of 2019. Approved by all.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: Newsletter covered earlier. Deb passed around mail for review and noted an email about Quiet Water Sports registration for March 2, 2019. She was directed to register GREAT. With the Office Depot discounts we get as a non-profit we could have our newsletter printed there for \$0.50/copy. Jack Kurpinsky has traditionally been paying for this and Kenny said he will reach out to Jack with this information.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: 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: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: No report.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: Meetings are still going on.

JAOC: no report.

JCCD: no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Nelson

Second: Kurt Rudolph

Approve: all

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be January 9, 2019 at 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.