



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2019  
Summit Township Hall  
2121 Ferguson Rd, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:03 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Kenny Price, Kurt LaFrance, Jack Ripstra, Kay Brown, Jon Hoyle, Cathy Jehnzen, Jeff Lolkus, John Minar, Kurt Rudolph, and Benji Ward

**Absent:**, Deb Snell & Dan Kaser

**Guest:** none

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

There was a motion to accept the emailed agenda by Kurt Rudolph.

Second: Jack Ripstra

Approve: all

**MINUTES:**

There was a motion to accept the emailed June minutes corrected for the proper meeting date by Jack Ripstra.

Second: Kurt Rudolph

Approve: all

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

No report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison and Profit & Loss reports were emailed out. Jack reported that we have \$1300 behind in the January to July period compared to last year for this same period due to some significant donations in 2018. GREAT has \$17,172.38 cash on hand.

**RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:**

Jack Ripstra, Dan Kaser, John Minar, and Dan cut from 127 to Lions Park for the September Clean up. Jim Seitz and Dan were to cut today, but something came up. Harry Rickland and his sons are to clear from Parnall Rd to portage.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Kenny had the following discussion item:

- August Paddle Clinic – Kayak driver needed. Kurt Rudolph volunteered, will meet John Minar, the canoe driver at 11AM. Two directional signs will be obtained for guidance to the Avenue C launch location. Ken Mangus, Coast Guard Auxiliary needed to cancel from the clinic.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Paddling Event for JROTC – The September 8 event will be held from 12-3. Volunteers were identified on the Event sign up sheet..
- Cutting for 2019, Clean-up and October Paddle: There is a dam just south of Berry Rd that needs to be cleared for the October paddle. .
- Wild Apricot – Jack asked for those who tested the boat sign up to be recognized. Only concern was the need to scroll to the bottom to complete the registration. Jack said that we are looking to meet

with the Non-Profit Network to review the web site in the next two weeks. Benji will get with Jim Seitz to set up a redirect from the current web address to the new one.

- Next Newsletter – The electronic version will be out tomorrow. There are some extra articles now for future use.
- Report on the July Trip – John Minar noted that trip went well. However, a couple got lost in the lily pads. A new participant on this trip has some expertise on the current PFAS situation and might be a speaker for the Annual meeting.

### **Standing Committees:**

**Communication/Newsletter:** No report.

**Finances:** No report.

**Activities & Calendar:** No report.

**Education & Advocacy:** No report.

**Annual Cleanup:** Assignments were reviewed and discussed.

**Nominations:** No report.

**GREAT Equipment:** Small chain saw clutch and bearings were replaced by Performance Automotive this week.

**River Debris Removal:** See River Master report.

**GREAT land:** There was discussion of the sign status.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Water Trail:** No report.

**Grand River Trail Map and Booklet:** on hold.

### **RELATED GROUPS:**

**Watershed Council:** No report.

**Earth Day:** No report.

**JCCD:** The last free tire Collection will be August 17. There will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection on September 21.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Jack got sizes for new vests

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05.

The next monthly meeting will be September 4, 2019 at Blackman Township Hall at 7:00 P.M.,

Kurt Rudolph, Recorder of Minutes

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