



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2019
Summit Township Hall
2121 Ferguson Rd, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:06 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kenny Price, Kurt LaFrance, Jack Ripstra, Jon Hoyle, Dan Kaser, Cathy Jehnzen, Jeff Lolkus, Kurt Rudolph, and Benji Ward

Absent: Deb Snell, Kay Brown, and John Minar

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 April minutes by Jack Ripstra.

Second: Kurt Rudolph

Approve: all

SECRETARY'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Deb was not available to make a report. However, Jack reported that we are up six members over this time last year and there were four new members last months

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack reported on the May 31 Balance Sheet, May Year to Date Profit/Loss Statement and 2018/2019 P/L Comparison that had been emailed to the board for their review. Jack highlighted some items: We are about \$1,000 behind in income YTD compared to 2018. We are still positive so far for the year by \$1,496.99 and there is \$17,293.66.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

John Minar, and Jack Ripstra spent 5 hours clearing 2 miles of the river for the June paddle on the St Joseph River.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Upper Grand River Watershed – Kenny discussed his visit to the Milk Source CAFO in Hudson, MI and offered the board an opportunity to visit the Little Bend Piggery hog farm in Concord Twp. Geoff Snyder is currently opposed to the start up of this 5000 hog farm due to a potential spill of waste.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Sign for GREAT Barn – Cathy report that she and Kay met with NWHS about the two signs. The first will be one of the GREAT logo and the second will be of a cardinal. The signs will be made of 1/8" plate. The GREAT logo sign will have letters 3-4" high. The Cardinal will have no words only a red bird.
- Cutting for July Trip and Clean-up – Jack reported that there are some trees down around the radio station. Kurt R. will paddle and report exact locations to Jack. The 2019 Clean-up will run from

127 to Birdland.

- Wild Apricot – We are currently stalled. There was no access to make boat reservations. Benji will correct this with an October Paddle. (see Deb)
- Next Newsletter – The last newsletter went out last month. Nothing is needed for now.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: No report.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar:

June Trip – Discussed the Put-in and Take out

July Trip – not discussed.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: *Cathy reminded the group that everyone is responsible for obtaining food donations for the September Clean-up.*

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment: Three chain saws are running good.

River Debris Removal: No report.

GREAT land: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: Grants have been applied for the launches at Little Wolf Lake and Vandercook Lake.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance Council: No report.

Earth Day: No report.

JCCD: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cathy reminded the group that everyone is responsible for obtaining food donations for the September Clean-up.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was some discussion of flooding around Wamplers Lake and Mud Lake. It is most likely caused by too much rain and too small of a culvert

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53.

The next monthly meeting will be July 10, 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.