



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2019
Blackman Township Hall
1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, MI

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Jon Hoyle, Kurt LaFrance, John Minar, and Don Nelson

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 February minutes as emailed by Jack Ripstra

Second: Benji Ward

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Deb reported that there are 66 paid memberships out of 118 memberships as of March 5. A second notice has been sent out.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack reported on the Balance Sheet, February 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 \$2,700 behind in net income YTD compared to 2018. This is due to the dues notice going out later and a \$150 expense for postage stamps to lock in the lower postage rate. Jack noted that the proposed 2019 Budget is balanced.

A motion was made by Kurt Rudolph to approve the proposed budget.

Second: Dan Kaser

Approve: all

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

Kenny noted that Jim Seitz will be cutting on the River for the 2020 Expedition. There was discussion about how to manage this year's pre trip cutting. It was decided that Jack Ripstra and Dan Kaser will lead a committee to coordinate cutting using blast emails. The blast emails will start on the second week of April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

- New Kayaks – The existing fleet of canoes and kayaks will be assessed at Earth Day for repair or disposal. That will create a base inventory to determine the needs.
- 2019 Goals – The following goals were set for 2019:
 1. Implement new web site.
 2. Create Boat Replacement Plan.
 3. Increase GREAT visibility in community.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Spring Newsletter – Discussion on this topic was tabled.
- Annual Dinner – The agenda was discussed and assignments were made. So far there have been 36 reservations. Board members should arrive between 5:30 and 5:45.
- Wild Apricot – The working group is continuing to meet and develop the web site and load information in the program. Email functions are complete. Invoicing for dues and kayak reservation functions are nearing completion.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: Kenny Price and Dan Kaser will be on JTV at 1:30 on March 12. Deb is sending out a Second Membership Renewal to 56 members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues. Jack reported that we have received dues from two lapsed members from prior years.

The Newsletter changes went OK. Deb will need to check on the invoice from the printer. A couple future authors for articles have been identified (Brian Ennis and Jesse from Krupa's). Deb noted that RB Advertising has included our events in their new Jackson Events booklet.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: No report.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: No report.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment Inventory:

River Debris Removal: No report.

GREAT land: Jack noted that downspouts are need on the building to direct rain water away from the doorways. This was especially bad this winter with the numerous freeze thaw cycles. Snowmelt accumulated at the doorways leading to icing.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: The Water Trail is being taken over by the Jackson County Parks.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: No report.

JAOC: no report.

JCCD: no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack reported that there was a manure spill this winter into North Lime Lake from the Williams farm. Jackson County Road Commission has made some changes to keep this from happening again.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be April 10, 2019 at Summit 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.