



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2019
Blackman Township Hall
1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:21 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kenny Price, Jack Ripstra, Deb Snell, Cathy Jehnzen, Jeff Lolkus, John Minar, and Kurt Rudolph,

Absent:, Kay Brown, . Jon Hoyle, Dan Kaser, Kurt LaFrance, & Benji Ward

Guest: none

AGENDA REVIEW:

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

Second: Cathy Jenzen

Approve: all

MINUTES:

There was a motion to accept the emailed June minutes corrected for the proper spelling of Berry Rd by Jack Ripstra.

Second: Cathy Jehnzen

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Deb reported that we have 132 members with 113 being current with dues. Deb will be sending a final dues notice out this month to the 19 who are behind.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison and Profit & Loss reports were emailed out. Jack reported that we have \$16,772 in cash. We are also one member shy of 2018. We are also down \$300 in dues in part due to a lack of two Sponsor members.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

Dan Kaser, Jim Seitz cut from Lions Park to Stonegate for the September Clean up. They had a very big jam that needed clearing. Jim Seitz had a significant case of poison ivy afterwards. There is still clearing required for the October Paddle.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Kenny had the following discussion items:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Paddling Event for JROTC – The September 8 event will be held from 12-3. Volunteers were confirmed and food discussed.
- Jackson Young Professionals – Jeff discussed his attendance at the JYP meeting at Quiet Water Sports. There were 15-20 in attendance and there was some interest in paddling. Their next meeting is 6 PM September 17 at Iron Bark
- Cutting for Clean-up and October Paddle - There is still a dam just south of Berry Rd that needs to be cleared for the October paddle.
- Wild Apricot – We are waiting for Benji and Jim Seitz to discuss the site redirect.

- Next Newsletter – The next newsletter will go out November 15. Therefore, all articles are due on November 1. There was a review of assignments for this newsletter. Kurt LaFrance will need to do an article about the GREAT Property Invasive Species work party. There will be articles by the Trip Leaders of the prior three events to the November Newsletter. There will be articles on salt use in the winter and Sandhill Cranes.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: Deb distributed Newsletters.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: No report.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: Assignments were reviewed and discussed.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment: The First Aids Kits from the Trip Bags have been reviewed and updated, There is a change to the contents. Chewable Benedryl has been added in case of allergic reactions to bee stings. Chewable Children's Aspirin has been added to administering upon the direction of 911 for persons experiencing chest pain..

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: 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 by Jack and seconded by Deb to adjourn the meeting at 8:31.

The next monthly meeting will be October 2, 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.