



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2022
ASTI ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Jack Ripstra at 7:02 P.M. A special thanks to ASTI for the use of their Zoom account.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Jack Ripstra, Deb Snell, Dan Kaser, Cathy Jehnzen, John Minar, Kurt Rudolph, and Benji Ward

Absent:, Kenny Price, Kurt LaFrance, Kay Brown,

AGENDA REVIEW:

There was a motion to accept the emailed agenda by Jack Ripstra, seconded by Cathy Jehnzen, and approved by all.

MINUTES:

There was a motion to accept the emailed November minutes by Jack, seconded by Cathy, and approved by all.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There was some discussion of the current accuracy of the membership. Deb's numbers may not include all of the Wild Apricot inputs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer mailed out a 2022 Budget, a Balance Sheet, a Budget Comparison, and a Profit & Loss sheet. Jack reported that we have cash assets of \$21,359.84, which is more than last year at this time..

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

Jack reported that Geoff Snyder feels that Jackson County Parks has taken over responsibility for the River Trail. Jackson County Parks does not necessarily agree with this position.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **March Meeting** – The Board agreed that the next meeting should be held in a virtual format. Cathy tried Skype and we will attempt to utilize that option.
- **Two Open Board Positions** – Kenny Price is still to speak with Brandon Goyings. Each board member is to also bring recommendations to the meeting for future board members.
- **Promote Paddle** – There was continued discussion of using Meet-up for the promotion of activities. It is felt that Loretta Crum, Lansing Oar and Paddle, be invited to the next meeting to walk us through the steps and that Kay Brown contact her for this arrangement.
- **Newsletter** – Deb Snell noted that the new version of the Newsletter is coming along. She has co-opted her daughter for some formatting assistance. Current topics include:
 - Year in Review (likely including pictures of Clean-up, Invasive Species, etc.),
 - 2022 Calendar, with link to website,
 - Quiet Adventure Symposium (with hot link),
 - Handicapped Ramp at Vandercook Lake Park,
 - Education and Outreach (Smart Salting, future - Invasive Species, Adopt-a -Stream)The April Newsletter may discuss the Earth Day Event, the Mystery Paddle, the Annual Meeting and migration to Meet-up

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: Deb noted that the Great Lakes Paddlers renewed their membership. She

noted a desire to for a bulletin board in the Pole Barn to post information. There was some discussion of giving a little something to Sponsors.

Finances: Jack has had some issue with Wild Apricot to move from a 2-year renewal to a 1-year renewal.

Activities & Calendar: There was discussion of the Picnic for the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that the Swift menu options looked good, but we need to narrow it down. It was felt that a \$20 price would not be bad. It is estimated that we could have 30-50 persons in attendance.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: No report.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment: Kurt noted that the three trip bags have been gone through and First Aid kits updated. The bag for XL-XXL needs some larger clothing such a sweat pants, T-shirt and sweatshirt. A missing whistle has been added to one bag and handwarmers and space blankets have been added.

River Debris Removal: Jack noted that the first Paddle (127 to VCL) of the year will need a lot of cutting in April.

GREAT land and building: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: In progress, awaiting paddles to record.

Water Trail: No report.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Council: No report.

Earth Day: The form to participate is complete for the April 23rd event at the Cascades. We will wait to decide to bring boats to paddle depending on community health metrics.

JCCD:. No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

The next monthly meeting will be on be March 2 at 7:PM and via Skype.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

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.

Past Meeting To Do List

- **Year End Statement and Membership Renewal – Deb Snell** to send out these items by the end of the month.
- **2022 Paddling Schedule – Kenny** to ask Kyle Lewis about speaking at the June 15 Annual Meeting
- **Open Board Positions –**
 - **Kenny** to contact Brandon Goyings about an open board position.
 - **Other Board Members** should look to identify other individuals who might be willing to serve on the board. An ideal candidate would be tech savvy to assist with items like: Wild Apricot, Meet-up, Wix, and Chimp-Monkey.
- **Marketing –**
 - **Kay Brown** and **Deb** will provide a write-up of their findings thus far on the topic as performed by the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club. The write-up will include the various software/apps used by LOAPC and their costs.
 - **Kay** and **John** will take the lead on placing information on Meet-up
 - **Kay** to invite Loretta Crum to March meeting.
- **Safety –** The topic of Safety is scheduled for the February Board Meeting.
 - **Kurt** will also provide a summary report on this topic to date.
- **Newsletter – Deb** to complete newly formatted Newsletter to be distributed via email and issue by February 15.