



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2022

Via Skype

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was successfully conducted using the Skype meeting link with a little confusion, but very few issues.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Kenny Price, Dan Kaser, Kay Brown, Cathy Jehnzen, John Minar, and Benji Ward

**Absent:** Jack Ripstra, Kurt LaFrance, Kurt Rudolph, Deb Snell

### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

There was a motion to accept the emailed February minutes by Benji Ward seconded by John Minar, and approved by all.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Deb Snell reported by email that there are 42 paid members for 2022 to date. This compares favorably to past years. She reminded board members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2022, to do so.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer mailed out a 2022 Budget, a Balance Sheet, a Budget Comparison, and a Profit & Loss sheet. Cathy shared the reported current asset balance was \$21,398.86, net income was \$773.84 as of February 25, 2022.

### **RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:**

No report. Kenny reported that the Grand River was at 11.4 feet high.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No report.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Two Open Board Positions** – There was discussion of the two open board positions (replacing Jon Hoyle and Jeff Lolkus). No potential candidates were presented.
- **Words to Promote our Paddles** – No new ideas were presented.
- **Promote GREAT** –
  - Benji suggested we might add a twist to our paddles by having paddlers “find the [item]” to be entered into a drawing to win a [tbd]. John suggested using one of the red canoe flags; we could attach the flag to a different item at each paddle.
  - A suggestion was made to set up a fairy door at Earth Day
- **Newsletter** – Deb Snell reported by email that she was almost done with the newsletter and it's looking pretty good. It should be going out no later than this weekend.
- **New Annual Dinner and Paddle** - There was a brief discussion on the menu options. Further discussion was tabled until the April meeting for input from other board members.
- **Looking to the near Future** – Benji suggested the we develop (publish?) a list of recommended reading regarding environmental topics:
  - Benji recommended *Collapse – How Societies to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond
  - Cathy recommended *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* by Mona Hanna-Attisha



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### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Communication/Newsletter:** The new format will be similar to the Jackson County Conservation District monthly email. It should be going out no later than this weekend, 03/06/2022.

**Finances:** No report.

**Activities & Calendar:** No report.

**Education & Advocacy:** No report.

**Annual Cleanup:** No report.

**Nominations:** No report.

**GREAT Equipment:** No report.

**River Debris Removal:** see above

**GREAT land and building:** No report.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Grand River Trail Map and Booklet:** No report.

**Water Trail:** No report.

### **RELATED GROUPS:**

**Watershed Council:** No report.

**Earth Day:** The 2022 Earth Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cascades Park from 1-4 pm, near the band shell. The GREAT board has not yet determined if we will have kayaks for paddling.

**JCCD:** No report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

The next monthly meeting will be on April 6th at 7:00 pm on the Skype link;

<https://join.skype.com/shKQuZyOqqJh>

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Dan, seconded by John, right after Kenny lost his Skype connection; the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Cathy Jehnzen Recorder of Minutes

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### Meeting To Do List

- **2022 Meeting Schedule** – **John Minar** to send schedule to Raisin River Paddle group.
- **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
- **Safety** – The topic of Safety is scheduled for the February Board Meeting.
  - **Kurt Rudolph** will provide a list of Contents of the 3 Trip bags and confirm the First Aid Kits are updated.
  - **Kurt** will also provide a summary report on this topic to date.
  - **Cathy** will research options for board members to attend CPR and First Aid training.
- **Newsletter** – **Deb** to complete newly formatted Newsletter to be distributed via email and issue by ~~January 15~~ March 6.