



BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION
June 7, 2023
Summit Township Hall

There was no quorum for the meeting. Those present discussed the agenda circulated, Kenny Price beginning at 7:11 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kenny Price, Jack Ripstra, Cathy Jehnzen, Kurt Rudolph, and Deb Snell.

Absent: Kay Brown, Dan Kaser, Kurt LaFrance, John Minar, and Benji Ward.

Guest: Brandon Goyings

Brandon Goyings provided a brief resume and felt that he might be able to connect with some we have not been able reach. He is a single Blackman Twp resident with a degree in Public Administration. He works in QA at MACI, volunteers for the Knights of Columbus and enjoys cycling and fishing. We will vote on him, when we have a quorum.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Not applicable.

MINUTES:

Jack Ripstra provided some corrections to the May minutes that were sent out.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Jack emailed a membership report prior to the meeting indicating that we had one new membership since April. We are currently have 16 individual memberships, and 9 family memberships, and 15 sponsorships. Compared to last year at this time, we are running \$530 behind.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer mailed out a Balance Sheet, a Budget Comparison, and a Profit & Loss sheet. Jack reported that we have Total Current Assets of \$19,546.36 and the Balance Sheet shows total Liabilities and Equities of \$101,821.23. Jack paid the Richmond Insurance premium last month. He is still reviewing other options.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

See Vandercook Lake to Ella Sharp Paddle below.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **2023 Earth Day, April 22** – Prior to the event we only had 3 board members signed up.
- **Mystery Paddle** – This paddle was cancelled due to high water.
- **June 2023 Paddle Vandercook Lake to Ella Sharp** – Jack and Kurt Rudolph cleared the route and did a pre-paddle. There is concern with the low water level and there may need to be some walking. Not many have signed up. It was decided to inform those who show up that there will be an option to paddle the planned route of they can stay in the VCL lake system.
- **Trip Schedule Sheet** – The trip schedule sheet was passed around for board members to sign up for positions on event.

- **July Paddle Clinton to Tecumseh** – There should be no clearing required, because of the 2-3 liveries covering this area.
- **Debit/Credit Card** – Jack will get a Flagstar Debit card for some of our regular bills like Wild Apricot and US Mobile.
- **PO Box** – We are waiting for the hand-off of Secretary responsibilities for the migration of the PO Box from Downtown to Rives Junction. We plan to have have 2-3 months overlap on the changeover to avoid problems. We need to make a list of normal correspondence received, so that we don't miss anything.

Standing Committees:

Communication: Deb noted that she has been working with her daughter to update the website. It is being modelled after the Paddle Antrim website since the mission of both groups is so similar. They are also update other documents to provide a consistent look and feel, along with addresses and phone numbers. The Newsletter is still under development.

Newsletter: No report.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: The activities calendar was circulated to sign-up for event positions.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: No report.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment: No report.

River Debris Removal: No report.

GREAT land and building: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: on hold.

Water Trail: see Discussion Item above

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: No report.

Earth Day: No report.

JCCD: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Kurt Rudolph, Recorder of Discussion

The mission of GREAT is to promote the protection and preservation of the Grand River Watershed through activities and educational programs.