



BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION
October 3, 2023
Summit Township Hall

The meeting was called to order in record time by President, Kenny Price at 7:09 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kenny Price, Jack Ripstra, Cathy Jehnzen, Brandon Goyings, Dan Kaser, John Minar, and Kurt Rudolph

Absent: Kay Brown, Kurt LaFrance, Deb Snell, and Benji Ward

AGENDA REVIEW:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the amended minutes from the September meeting was made by Kurt Rudolph, seconded by Jack Ripstra, and approved by all.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Cathy reported that we have 59 paid active memberships (21 individual, 15 Family, & 23 Sponsors per Wild Apricot). Cathy noted that the GREAT laptop is having issues. There was a motion by Kurt R and seconded by John Minar to approve having PC Solutions look at the laptop and fix the issues. The motion was approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer mailed out a Balance Sheet, a Budget Comparison, and a Profit & Loss sheet. Jack also provided a Reconciliation Summary of our Flagstar and PayPal accounts. Jack reported that we have Total Current Assets of \$19,513.83 and Total Liabilities and Equity of \$101,788.70. We are currently down 12 members from this time last year and behind \$250 in revenue.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

Jack Ripstra reported the three log jams North of the Birdland subdivision have been increased from 4' to 10' opening by Jack and Jim Sietz. They also moved two other logs.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Sign-up Sheet** – The Sign-up sheet was passed around to fill in open spots for the October Paddle.
- **GREAT T-shirt** – There was a request to post the availability of the GREAT T-shirts for sale on the website and in other communications directly from the vendor. All colors will be available with the exception of Teal which will be reserved for those on the GREAT Board.
- **August 2023 Paddle Kalamazoo River** – There was nothing further to discuss.
- **GREAT Barn for Winter Storage** – The group tabled taking action, because a response has not been obtained by our insurer.
- **October Paddle- October 7** – Jack noted that the trip needs to be modified, because the McNamara Landing and Parking Lot is under reconstruction. It was agreed to paddle only to the Bunker Road Landing. The other spots would add too much time and the weather is looking iffy. We currently have 3 kayaks reserved.

- **Annual Clean-up Follow-up** – It was noted that the shopping cart by Consumers’ Trail Street office could not be found. Also, the mass within the wet blanket was the body of a dog. There was no further information on body found other than what was reported in the newspaper.
- **Non-Profit Network Meeting** – The Non-Profit Network Open House was mentioned again.

Standing Committees:

Communication: Cathy reported that William Cantor and Betty Desbiens both passed away. Bill’s death was 3 years ago, but we just found out.

Newsletter: No report.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: No report.

Education & Advocacy: There was discussion of the Red Cedar River Clean up. About 65 rental scooters were pulled from the river.

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: no report.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: No report.

Earth Day: No report.

JCCD: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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.