

Friends of the Maple River
Board Meeting
Minutes of August 30, 2011
Ryan's Roadhouse, St. Johns

PRESENT:

Jon Morrison, President
Anita Ladouceur, Secretary
Dale Ladouceur, Treasurer
Ed Mikula, Vice President
Joe Latoff
Duane Platner

ABSENT:

Jack Nutter, Watershed Improvement Committee Chair
Gary Boersen, Monitoring Committee Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

Treasurer's Report:

- Checking account balance is \$637.37
- There have been no membership renewals for the past two months.
- D. Ladouceur's can/bottle drive brought in \$31.40.
- We paid \$150 for 6 months of website publishing.
- Pending payment of \$20 for our annual nonprofit registration.

Float Trip:

- Morrison can not attend the event.
- The board discussed different sections of the river to float.
- We decided instead of doing the usual 6 hour float from Blair Road to Maple Rapids, we would try to do a 3 hour trip starting at 10am.
- Morrison will get input from Nutter on launch location accessibility.

Log Jam Removal Downstream of Hubbardston Road:

- A. Ladouceur has a map of log jam locations from Hubbardston Road to Nickleplate Road.
- She will bring the map, along with photos, to the meeting in September.
- The plan is to involve members of the Maple River QDM Association, who are located in that stretch of the river, with log jam removal.

Social Networking:

- As a means of educating the public about our group, Mikula's son, Chris, has offered to put together a Facebook page for our organization.
- Morrison will speak with Chris about the content.
- We need to brainstorm a list of activities for new members to do for the group. This can be added to the September meeting agenda.

Bank Pin Project:

- Last week the Ladouceurs went in the field with Gary Fritz (Clinton County Conservation District) and Aaron Snell (Engineer) to visit the 18 bank pin locations that they will be monitoring in Clinton and Gratiot Counties.
- The Conservation District made it easy to locate the pins by providing a detailed description of each location, along with a photo.

Newspaper Insert:

- Mikula will get the insert to A. Ladouceur to put on the website.
- Another possibility to circulate the insert would be to have it printed and locate it at various businesses throughout the watershed.

FOTMR's Role in the 319 Implementation:

- We have not decided on a focus area for monitoring.
- Two potential monitoring locations are Rainbow Lake and Sleepy Hollow State Park.
- There are still some concerns over what role FOTMR will play.
- Gary Fritz will be updating the group on the project at the September meeting, which will help us decide on a focus area.

Next Meeting:

- The September meeting will be held approximately 4 miles south of Corunna at Shi-Town, the headwaters of the Maple River.
- Morrison will provide the meeting location.
- The Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner will be a guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Please direct any and all modifications to the minutes to info@friendsofthemapleriver.org.