

Friends of the Maple River
Minutes of January 18, 2012
Rusty Nail Restaurant
Carson City, MI

PRESENT:

Ed Mikula
Chris Mikula
Joe Latoff
Lyle Burns
Anita Ladouceur
Dale Ladouceur
Jack Nutter
Gary Boersen
Jon Morrison
Doug Conklin
Duane Platner
Donald Kunst III
Chuck Klarich

CALL TO ORDER

J. Morrison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

J. Morrison welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves

AGENDA REVIEW, REVISIONS AND ADOPTION

Latoff moved to approve the agenda. Platner supported the motion. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Ladouceur provided the minutes from the Board Meeting, December 7, 2011.

Klarich moved to approve the minutes of December 7th. D. Ladouceur supported the motion. Motion carried.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance:

- D. Ladouceur reported a balance of \$270 in the checking account. Latoff moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Nutter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- D. Ladouceur will look into moving our checking account to the credit union in hopes of avoiding monthly fees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2012 Meeting Schedule

- Morrison reviewed the proposed 2012 schedule.
- A. Ladouceur will post it on the website.

Restructuring of Committees

- The group discussed restructuring the committees from a committee format to a project leader format.
- We haven't been operating as "committees".
- Some projects only take 1 or 2 people to complete.

Quiet Water Symposium

- Morrison will arrange for our booth at the symposium.
- Nutter, A. Ladouceur, and D. Ladouceur volunteered to work in the booth.
- We will have Guide Books available at the booth.

COMMUNICATIONS

Facebook page:

- C. Mikula put the page together.
- We need to put "join us on Facebook" on all of our correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

2012 Spring Clean-Up and Log Jam Removal Date:

- April 14th will be the cleanup date.
- We will also try to do some logjam removal on that day if water levels allow.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Needed

- Dawn Levey offered to fill the position. Jon will follow up with Dawn.

River Guide Book:

- We really need to push the sale of the Guide Books.
- A. Ladouceur will also get a Guide Book notice back on the website.

WATERSHED MONITORING COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT

Muskrat Lake Update:

- The water level is up 1.5 feet.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony will be schedule by the Conservation District for April, May or June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Billboard Slogan to Send to Public:

- There was very little discussion on this topic.
- We may have to drop the idea due to cost concerns and lack of member resources to pursue further.

Bushwacker Event May 2012:

- This event is May 19-23rd.
- <https://sites.google.com/site/vkmchallenge/bushwhacker>

Bank Pin Monitoring:

- Nutter and A. Ladouceur reported on the progress of the bank pin monitoring for the Conservation District.
- After only 2 readings, there has been significant erosion at certain locations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Award Nominations:

- The group feels that Dan Kennedy, DNR, should receive an award for all he has done for our group.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Our funds are dwindling fast and we need to come up with some fundraising ideas.
- We will push to sell as many Guide Books as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

A. Ladouceur moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Ladouceur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on March 21, 2012 @ Ovid Township Hall

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