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FRIENDS OF THE YAHARA RIVER HEADWATERS, INC.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes APPROVED

August 3, 2015

DeForest Public Service Building

1. Shaun called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. Shaun Shirley, Joleen Stinson, Kay Preston, Doug Porter and Jim Simpson were present. Franco Milani came late. Vicky Porter and Sherri Milani were absent. No appearances.
3. Doug made a motion to approve the July 6, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Jim seconded, motion passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Kay passed out new storage locker keys to Doug, Shaun, Franco, Jim and Joleen. Shaun also took the new lock and old keys. He will switch out the lock on Wednesday and put the old lock and keys inside the locker.
 - b. Kay brought in Barry's plaque. Joleen will ask Vicky to present it to Barry.
 - c. There was consensus to open an Ace Hardware account with all Friends board members as authorized purchasers.
 - d. Joleen made a motion to approve the August 3, 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented with a clarification of membership revenue – Park Towne to be added. Doug seconded, motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
 - a. Yahara Riverfest planning: Jim Simpson (and probably his 11 year old daughter), Sherri and Franco Milani volunteered for the backyard bass & pool activities from 1-4:30 PM in Conservancy Commons Park. We're now at the minimum number of volunteers, but would accept more. The volunteer opportunity is up on facebook, was included in our recent newsletter and is on the website.
 - b. River Clean up planning: Franco will be in touch by email to start divvying up tasks. Park is reserved. Doug will reach out to Steve Falter of Capital Water Trails. Clean-up to be broken down in to four sections:
 - i. Veterans Memorial Park to South St
 - ii. South St to ISF River Rd bridge
 - iii. ISF to Innovation Dr
 - iv. Innovation Dr to Windsor Rd
6. New Business
 - a. Representing the Friends/talking on their behalf: Joleen made a motion that any official opinion of the Friends should come after a review/discussion from the board of directors with a vote if necessary. The representatives to speak on behalf of the friends shall be the officers or their designees. Factual information is ok to share. Doug seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Update asset list: Jim volunteered to coordinate the list. Shaun and Doug will inventory storage locker. Jim will follow up with past and present board members if they have assets stored in their houses. Shaun will ask Dave Paulson to inventory monitoring equipment. Jim will work on this mid-late September.
 - c. DeForest Area Foundation grant: The group plans to apply for :
 - i. 20 fishing poles with holders/racks, basic tackle (bobbers, sinkers and hooks) and tackle boxes \$1,000
 - ii. 6 kayak trailer with necessary safety equipment (like tie downs and locks) \$2,000
 - iii. 4 kayaks with paddles and life vests \$300 each = \$1,200

Our mission is to enhance and protect the quality of the YAHARA RIVER HEADWATERS while educating the community and providing sustainable recreational opportunities.

iv. 12 waist high waders \$75 each = \$900

The request shouldn't exceed \$5,000. The kayaks will be used for river blockage scouting and removal and in the future may be used for recreational programs. The fishing poles are for our fishing clinics. Shaun, Doug and/or Kay will firm numbers and Joleen will ask Vicky to update the grant application from last year and submit. Joleen made a motion authorizing this grant application. Kay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- d. Primary goals/objectives: There was consensus to continue with current successful initiatives and also work on growing membership. It is OK to coordinate with other groups on other projects if an opportunity presents itself and fits our mission. After much discussion, Doug made a motion to focus on the following 6 primary goals:
- i. membership
 - ii. education
 - i. fishing opportunities
 - ii. water monitoring
 - iii. recreational events
 - iv. grants/fundraising

Joleen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

7. Any other business allowed by law

- a. The group would like to purchase a new banner for the tent. Joleen made a motion to proceed with the banner, cost not to exceed \$200, to be completed before Yahara Riverfest. Kay seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b. Bollig property: There was consensus among the officers present that Jim should call Melissa Malott from Dane County to learn about the property plans and update the County with the new Friends board contact info.

8. Shaun adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Next Regular Meeting:

September 14, 2015 5:30 PM

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Next Working Meeting:

September 2, 2015 7:30 AM

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