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# **FRIENDS OF THE YAHARA RIVER HEADWATERS, INC.**

## **September 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Fireman's Park Large Shelter

1. Vicky called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:33 PM.
2. Vicky Porter, Shaun Shirley, Joleen Stinson and Doug Porter were present. Jim Simpson joined by phone for the voting agenda items. Kay Preston, Franco Milani and Sherri Milani were absent. Barry Eichinger made a brief appearance at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Jim made a motion to approve the August 3, 2015 board meeting minutes with the following edits: Add "Hardware" after "Ace" in 4c. Add the date "August 3, 2015" before "treasurer's report" in 4d. Doug seconded, motion passed unanimously.
4. Doug made a motion to approve the September 14, 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. Joleen seconded, motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
  - a. River Clean up last details – One last item was added to the "to do" list as distributed by Franco and updated after the last working committee meeting. Shaun will check loppers from storage shed and buy two more medium-priced if needed, as they're a great tool for the clean-up.
6. New Business
  - a. The Village stormwater grant application will likely be due early March 2016. To be prepared, the Friends would like to start discussing project ideas. Vicky will email the current member list to solicit their ideas. Joleen will send Vicky the member list. Joleen noted that she will abstain from this discussion as she's the one who administers the grant program for the Village.
  - b. Riverfest wrap-up: Overall the fishing clinic and our display at the park went well! We had 18 kids participate in the fishing clinic and the Carry Creek display and backyard bass were popular. Doug suggested that the Riverfest committee consider timing of all activities to have fewer conflicts because the frog guy had a show and the trail tromp conflicted with the fishing clinic. He also suggested that next year the Friends have more people to help set-up before the event. Joleen thanked Doug and Shaun for doing the set-up at the park and the fishing clinic. Doug will send a thank you to the High School FFA club for volunteering to man the Carry Creek display. Joleen will look in to the group purchasing one of these displays instead of borrowing it from Dane County-UW Extension.
7. Any other business allowed by law
  - a. The DeForest Foundation emailed Vicky with results from our recent grant application and will be following up with a formal letter soon. They have very limited amount of funds to distribute this year, but have offered us three choices of partial funding:
    - i. \$1,850 for fishing poles and related fishing equipment and waders
    - ii. Match 50/50 for the entire application (\$2,500 in grant funds and same from our funds)
    - iii. Cover the \$1,850 for fishing equipment and waders and match 50/50 for remaining items
    - iv. After discussing these options, Doug made a motion to accept \$1,850 for fishing poles and related equipment and waders and that the DeForest Foundation for their generosity; with the intent to re-apply for the remaining items at the next grant application round. Shaun seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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

- b. Joleen shared the CLA leaf raking letter that was mailed last week and noted that Vicky/FYRH was included. She briefly explained the project – it is a leaf raking campaign targeting two neighborhoods in the Village encouraging residents to rake the leaves out of the curb in front of their house. CLA is still looking for volunteers so please consider helping!
  - c. Project czars (aka leaders): Franco is the River clean-up czar, Shaun is the fishing clinic czar. Doug suggested that we have other czars to make sure that items don't unintentionally slip through the cracks. He agreed to be the grant czar. Vicky volunteered to be the newspaper czar for publicity items. Joleen is the website czar.
8. Vicky adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Next Regular Meeting:  
October 5, 2015 5:30 PM  
DeForest Public Service Building

Next Working Meeting:  
September 23, 2015 7:30 AM  
DeForest Public Service Building

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