

FYRH Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 AM

DeForest Public Service Building's Conference Room

1. Jim called the meeting to order at 7:33 AM. Doug Porter, Gary Schutte, John Ackley, Jim Simpson and Joleen Stinson were present. Franco Milani was absent.
2. Appearances before the committee: none.
3. Treasurer's report: Gary noted there wasn't much financial activity so he didn't do an official report. We received one small Thrivent donation and a \$20 donation for fixed up fishing rods.
4. Secretary's report: Doug made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 board meeting as presented. Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Members for next year (2017-2018)/Potentially amending the "Bylaws of the Friends of the Yahara River Headwaters, Inc."
 - John reached out to the Village of Windsor to see if they were interested in getting involved, they are not. He also asked his neighbors; some expressed sadness if FYRH decided to disband, but none were interested in stepping up. John stated he was willing to continue as a director but not an officer.
 - Jim discussed this at the river monitoring breakfast. Franco said he is willing to continue on the board. Jim's wife agreed to be secretary. One of his co-workers, Hunter, an avid fisherman, would be willing to be on the board. Barry may be willing to return too. Jim stated he would continue to be on the board, even perhaps as president, if the meetings could go down to quarterly. He said the next year would likely only focus on membership and finding new directors.
 - Gary, Doug and Joleen stated they will not be renewing their terms.
 - Doug made a motion to get a legal opinion regarding what would be needed to close a 501c3 for consideration at the next meeting. He volunteered to collect this information. Gary seconded, motion passed unanimously. Doug also volunteered to put together a list of organizations/commitments that would need to be informed if the board decided to disband. Both of these items would be good to have, even if the group continues with a mostly new board next year.
6. Annual Meeting Planning and Topics
 - Focus on history, a huge celebration of accomplishments. Doug will send Jim the historic documents so he can prepare the presentation. The photo slideshow/video can be shown.
7. Grants:
 - DeForest Foundation Grant application was denied and the foundation requested 3 years of financials that illustrate other funding sources on our next grant application.
8. Family Fishing Frenzy, Saturday May 20
 - Gary /The Yahara Fishing Club will be leading this fishing clinic.
9. Lakes and Watershed Commission Meeting: Jim will notify Sue Jones that we're not interested in a joint meeting at this time because an almost entirely new board will be coming in June.
10. Public Relations:
 - Lakes of DeForest: There was consensus to share the Friend's waders for the spring lake clean-up.
11. Any Other Business: None
 - All other agenda items were not discussed.
12. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.
 - Next meeting Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 am.