



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 10, 2014
Forest Town Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Julie Dornbusch Robert Duban Bob Gilbertson (treasurer) Dale Petelinsek (president) David Russler Dean Sunderlin	Karen Appeldoorn (VP) Sandy Russler (secretary) Keith Kluzak	

(This month's minutes were prepared by Bob Gilbertson, substituting for Sandy)

CALL TO ORDER — Dale called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- **Minutes:** Revised meeting minutes from December and January were approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's report / membership status:** Bob presented the treasurer's report and confirmed that the mailing to our whole list, inviting people to renew or join for 2014 membership, will go out this month as planned.
- **Tax-exempt status:** We received a letter from the IRS informing us that our tax-exempt status has been restored, retroactive to 2010. It appears that Dale's contact with someone in Rep. Walz's office led to the Taxpayer Advocate Service getting involved and (apparently) getting action from the IRS.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

We discussed the need for each person to get brief write-ups to Sandy Russler so that she can prepare a 2013 annual report. **Dale will ask Keith to submit something regarding watershed efforts.** The goal is to get the report out before the April 21, 2014 annual meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Carp:** Jim Mertin (sp?), a commercial fisherman, seined our lake last week. David went and observed part of the work. We don't yet have complete information about how many pounds of carp were removed from the lake.
- **Watershed:** We discussed progress on watershed projects and had a lengthy and detailed discussion re: options for going forward with a particular erosion-control project on the lake's south side. We discussed grant options (including a potential \$5,000 grant from Rice County) and terms on which the work would be done and then maintained. We identified several key issues (getting bids, who funds the work, who is responsible for maintenance, insurance, and an agreement with the County) and agreed to look into several of these points in more detail. **Dale will talk with Keith about getting bids for the project. Dean will meet with County officials. Bob will investigate insurance.** There was general agreement that we need to find ways to improve the momentum associated with the various projects we are examining.
- **Native plants:** Dean mentioned that he would look into protecting the work that was done last year.
- **Weeds:** No report.
- **Sediment:** No report.

OTHER

- **Logo:** **David will ask Sandy about editing the draft logo to include the organization's name.**
- **Annual meeting:** We are planning to hold the annual meeting on Monday, April 21, with coffee at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. No one present knew whether the town hall had been reserved for April 21. **David will take care of that and help with organizing the meeting itself.** Once David lets Bob know that the hall has been reserved, **Bob will include a notice of the meeting in the mailing that's about to go out.**
- **Fundraising:** We discussed options for recognizing donations at various levels, including will bequests.

ADJOURN — We adjourned at 8:50 pm.