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Wednesday, July 11, 2018

9:30-11:30am

Meeting Minutes

- A. Guest Introductions
Guests present: Elizabeth Knappe, of Plainfield Township and Jamie Vaughn of Trout Unlimited, Pat Allen, member, and Claire, Trout Unlimited intern.
Members present: Gretchen Zuiderveen, Bob Stegmeier, Brett Vredevoogd, Jessie Schulte, Robert Schirado
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes
a) Minutes From Board Meeting/Retreat – Previously Approved
b) Minutes from May, 2018 – Bob Stegmeier moved with support from Pat Allen, to approve the minutes subject to minor changes in grammar and syntax.
- C. Reports - RRWP
a) Financial Statement – \$2,185.19, J. Schulte.
b) Status of finance committee member search – plans to post on Indeed.com to recruit a volunteer with a financial background and ability to use quick books or some other type of financial software. R. Schirado could add the volunteer description to one of the local papers.
- D. Reports – Partners
a) Trout Unlimited – J. Vaughn provided a report with the status of the Trout Unlimited Home Rivers Initiative. Details were provided on the following topics:
i. Restoration
ii. Sustainability
iii. Grants

This report is attached.
b) LCWM – J. Schulte noted that there have been some staffing changes with their MAEP technician. They will be hiring a new MAEP technician. They will be conducting interviews on July 12. She noted that there will be a pancake breakfast for farmers to try to recruit recipients for the RCPP program. She would like some assistance from the RRWP for a pancake breakfast in the Rogue River watershed on Friday August 24, 2018.
c) LGROW – C. Decker (absent)
d) Ikes – nothing to report.
- E. Tuesday Talks – upcoming talks, topics and locations
a) Idea to have speakers repeat their presentations, such as Molly Rippke.
b) Ideas for topics: PFAS and its effects on the Rogue River
c) Will have more discussion at the next meeting.

- F. Grand River Water Festival – R. Shirado – Overall success with the booth, and many, many visitors to the booth. The map was a great conversation starter, and created good interactions with people and good PR for the watershed/partners.
- G. Sustainability Commission – Mindy Miner – She attended the July 9 Rockford City Council meeting, and they would like to schedule a work session to discuss the potential for a sustainability commission in the City of Rockford. Mindy notes that the proposed commission would have 7-11 members and focus on 6 different areas of sustainability, which include energy, waste, water, land, transportation and community.
- H. Fundraising and Raffle Recommendation – R. Shirado would like to put the raffle on hold until more board members can be recruited. He would like to have an early start on it in 2019.

Gretchen mentioned EZ Samaritan that is a software that specialized for fund raising efforts.

Gretchen moved, with support from R. Stegmeier, to suspend the raffle efforts until next year.

Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discussion – Suggestions for experience and interests desired for new board members
 - a) Board member description is needed – desired qualifications
 - b) Folks like retired environmental science teachers, farmers, land owners, engineers, someone who may be committed to the RCPP grant program.
- J. Upcoming Events
 - a. Table at Rockford Farmers’ Market: August 25, 8:00 - 1:00
 - b. RCPP Pancake breakfast for farmers: August 24, 8:00 – 1:00
 - c. Nomad Anglers approached TU to hold a Rogue River Clean Up, and RRWP could be eligible for the Patagonia grant – to be held in late August or September.
- K. Comments from visitors
- L. Adjourn
R. Shirado moved, with support from R. Stegmeier