



August 8, 2018 Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. Introductions

Board Members Present: Zuiderveen, Zbiciak, Stegmier, Schirado, Anderson, Allen

Board Members Absent: Schulte, Vredevoogd

Guests Present: Carlos Calderon, Courtney Cromley, Cara Decker, Dana Strouse, John Stegmeyer

II. Minutes Approval

P. Allen moved, with support from R. Stegmier, to approve the meeting minutes from July 11, 2018, subject to the changes to the Farm Tour event information.

Motion carried.

III. Reports

A. Financial Report – G. Zuiderveen noted that J. Schulte called and informed her that nothing has changed with the account since last month. T. Anderson informed the group of the deadline the RRWP has for submitting the non-profit annual report to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Deadline is October 1st, 2018.

B. Fundraising – T. Anderson spoke briefly about items that could be purchased on the RRWP website, such as t-shirts and pint glasses. She also added that when people purchase a membership, they should be sent something tangible, such as a t-shirt, sticker, key chain, etc. She will work on getting some quotes.

C. Membership Recruitment – B. Vredevoogd absent

D. Partner Reports –

a. Trout Unlimited – Jamie Absent, but notified RRWP via email about the group receiving the grant from Patagonia, and a date has been set for the Rogue River Clean Up, partnering with Nomad Anglers of Rockford.

b. LGROW – updated the group on some upcoming educational events with the Citizen Science Program. C. Decker also spoke about the upcoming Watershed Jamboree to be held at Richmond Park on September 13.

c. IKES – R. Stegmier noted that they are in the process of recruiting a lot of new members, and many of them are young families

E. RCPP Outreach – J. Schulte reported (absent) would like to hold the pancake breakfast at Cannon Township Center on the same day as the regular RRWP meeting in October, in an effort to promote the RCPP program.

F. Tuesday Talks – upcoming at Rockford Brewing on September 25, Molly Rippke will discuss the results of the E. Coli sampling in the Rogue River.

G. Farmer's Market Table – Bob Stegmier, Bob Schirado, Gretchen Zuiderveen, Pat Allen and Sally Triant will be at the Rockford Farmers Market on August 25.

H. New Board Members –

R. Stegmier moved, with support from R. Schirado, to appoint Ann Tuck and Sally Triant to the RRWP board of directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Rice Lake Update – R. Zbiciak informed the group that the property owner in the Rice Lake area is no longer interested in the wetland restoration. He also mentioned that inviting folks from that area (Grant, Newaygo, etc.) to the upcoming pancake breakfast would be a good idea.

IV. Upcoming Events:

- a. August 24 – Agricultural Field Day/Bus Tour – Schwallier’s Country Basket
- b. August 25 – RRWP at the Rockford Farmer’s Market
- c. September 13 – Watershed Jamboree – Richmond Park
- d. September 15 – RRWP Rogue River Clean-Up with Nomad Anglers
- e. September 25 - Tuesday Talk – Rockford Brewing
- f. October 10 – RCPP Pancake Breakfast at Cannon Twp. Center
- g. October 20 – Trout Unlimited Stream Insect Monitoring – Rockford Community Cabin

V. Adjourn

R. Stegmier moved, with support from J. Stegmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.