

Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust
July 22nd, 2013 Meeting Minutes
New Richmond High School

The July meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Beth Wood.

Present were: Beth Wood, Mike Reiter, Mike Kelly, Val Hogan, Judy Remington, Shawn Schottler, Trish Moberg, Rita Lawson, Paul Mayer and Consultant Cheryl Clemens.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved as circulated via e-mail. The SPLPT's insurance coverage will be reviewed. Our annual coverage date and options will be addressed at the next meeting.

1. Mike Kelly, Rita Lawson and Mike Reiter were re-elected to another three year term on the SPLPT Board of Directors. After much discussion, Trish Moberg agreed to serve as interim Treasurer and we will explore the option of hiring an individual to handle the financial business for the Trust. This issue will be addressed and finalized at our next meeting in September. Committee members and chairs will remain the same with Paul and Rita added to the Education Committee. We still can add two Board Members according to our by-laws to bring the number to 11. The Slate of Officers are President Beth Wood, Vice President Val Hogan, Secretary Mike Reiter with Trish Moberg named Treasurer based on conditions listed above. Both the current re-elected Board members and slate of officers were approved by unanimous vote of the Board.
2. Cheryl needs a few member photos to complete the full board representation for the formal SPLPT's presentation. The presentation will be a part of the annual meeting which will follow this meeting.
3. The 2013 SPLPT's lecture series "River Talk" is taking shape. Carrol Henderson is our guest speaker for this evening. Carrol is the co-author of "Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality" and has a background in ecology and wildlife management and botany.
4. Cheryl passed out copies of the results of the Apple River survey sent out earlier this year. Mike Kelly provided the tabulation of the results. 124 of the 418 surveys were returned (30%) with much penitent information obtained from the results.
5. "The Greater Scout Scavenger Hunt" has been postponed until September. Approximately 150 Cub Scouts and 50 adults will attend this event. It will be a "Leave No Trace Event" other than memories, excitement and laughter! The Conservation Day on a WPA campout and weekend activity outing will be held the weekend of October 18th through the 20th also at the McMurtrie Preserve.
6. The full legal description and documentation has been compiled by Judy for the South Cedar Bay Landing. An affidavit of Correction has been added with Cheryl being listed as the drafter. Legal requirements will soon be in order.
7. The state pheasant stamp grant application has been denied for oak savannah restoration on McMurtrie Preserve. Efforts will move forward however. This will be a collaborative effort with the SPLPT, SPF&GA, USF&WS and a local

business. Shawn has offered to provide seed for the project. Mike Kelly provided details of the proposed plan.

8. A motion was made and approved to contract Aleisha Miller to provide our 2013 easement inspections. Baselines have already been established. Aleisha will provide documentation via written description and photos.
9. Val noted that our website is ready to go. She needs a few Board bios and photos to complete the site. It should be live by month's end. She will send out a link to the Board to get final feedback.
10. Judy updated the group on our membership activities and noted that potential new members may be added after our annual meeting presentation.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, September 9th, 2013 at the New Richmond High School starting at 5:00 pm. The November meeting was tentatively set for November 11th.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Reiter, Secretary