

**Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Meeting Minutes**  
**New Richmond High School**

The September meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 4:05 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, Scott Wagner and Consultant Cheryl Clemens.

The Treasurer report was tabled while the Secretary's report was 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. A motion was made and approved to retain Guinn Accounting (Jason Zahradka) for the SPLPT's financial dealings. This arrangement will be reviewed later next year.
2. The SPLPT's insurance coverage will be reviewed to arrive a competitive pricing.
3. A very generous donation to the SPLPT was made by Phyllis Menke during her recent visit. Thanks you Phyllis!
4. A review of our annual meeting held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> was provided. Carrol Henderson gave an excellent presentation on "Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality". Discussion was held on how to increase our attendance at these meetings and presentations. A map detailing the location of our future presentations will be included.
5. A motion was made and approved unanimously to welcome Scott Wagner to our Board of Directors. Scott agreed to serve as our 2013-2014 Treasurer.
6. Copies of our "Strategic Plan Review & Revision Cycle" were provided and discussed. We need to review our plan and prioritize goals as we move forward. Val will send out via email the complete Strategy Plan.
7. Cheryl and Mike Kelly updated the group on the Lower Apple River Volunteer Project. A survey of the middle section of the river was completed with results provided. Two planning grants are ongoing and we need to tabulate our volunteer hours for monetary match on these grants. Other resources may be available under the grants also. Another Lower Apple River grant has been received by the St Croix River Association. Monica Zachary will be heading up this project. Cheryl will be attending the first meeting. Other SPLPT Board members are urged to attend.
8. "The Greater Scout Scavenger Hunt" was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the McMurtrie Preserve. It was 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 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> also at the McMurtrie Preserve.

9. The full legal description and documentation has been compiled by Judy for the South Cedar Bay Landing and filed with the State. Thanks you Judy for getting this task finalized!
10. The state pheasant stamp grant application for oak savannah restoration on McMurtrie Preserve was unsuccessful. Efforts are moving forward however. This is 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 indicated the restoration is on track.
11. Aleisha Miller has been contracted to perform our easement and holding inspections. These inspections have begun and will be completed shortly.
12. Val noted that our website will soon be ready to go. She needs a few Board bios and photos to complete that part of the site. Fine tuning of the program may add some cost. She will send out the final product when ready. A discussion was held on what we need at the site. Work with the New Richmond Foundation through the St Croix Foundation may be beneficial.
13. Judy updated the group on our membership activities. Our postal box may contain new member submissions following our last annual meeting.
14. Trish reported on the NR High School Environmental Learning Center plans that are a part of the school's curricula. Several very interesting projects could potentially provide partnership opportunities with the SPLPT.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the New Richmond High School starting at 5:00 pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mike Reiter, Secretary