



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 6, 2022  
Blackman Township Hall

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Kenny Price at 7:31 P.M leading with some bad jokes.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present (in person):** Kay Brown, Dan Kaser, John Minar, Kenny Price, Jack Ripstra, and Kurt Rudolph.

**Present (via Zoom),** Cathy Jehnzen, Kurt LaFrance, and Benji Ward.

**Absent:** Deb Snell

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

There was a motion to accept the amended emailed agenda by Kurt Rudolph, seconded by Dan Kaser, and approved by all.

**MINUTES:**

There was a motion to accept June minutes as emailed by Jack Ripstra, seconded by Dan Kaser, and approved by all.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Jack reported that we are even with last year's total membership at this time. We did have 3 renewals and 1 new member last month. However, we are down 3 Sponsors and 7 Family memberships, but up 10 individual memberships.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer mailed out a Balance Sheet, a Budget Comparison, and a Profit & Loss sheet. Jack reported that we have total assets of \$19,782.72. The income and expenses from the Annual meeting were discussed. Jack sent out updated P&L and Budget Comparison Sheets after the meeting to reflect actuals.

**RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:**

Jack noted that cutting for the September Clean-up will begin this Sunday. Dan and Kay plan to assist meeting at RA Greene Park and heading toward Parnall Rd. The City has been contacted to clear their section of the River.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Kenny had no report.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Life Jackets** – It was recommended that a clothesline be strung in the Barn to allow the jackets to air and dry. We should also swap out some Women's S/M for Adult Universal and we need to clean some of the jackets. Kay will resolve.
- **Mystery Paddle** – An impromptu version of the paddle was held with 8-10 persons participating.
- **June Paddle and Annual Dinner** – It was noted that Cathy did a great job in planning for the Annual Meeting. There were 4 paddlers after the meeting. There was some discussion of the Pavilion being occupied even though it had been reserved for GREAT and the fee paid. The County signage for reservations is small and up high on the Pavilion, which probably lead to some of the issue.
- **Senior Paddle** – The City of Jackson Active Aging Group had a good paddle on Wednesday, June

22 12:30-3PM from Hague to VCL using only kayaks. Requests were made for assistance with this activity. There were 16 Seniors and 3 board members paddling through Vandercook, Mud, and Brown's lakes along with the scheduled section of the River.

- **July Paddle** – The July Paddle was changed to Grass Lake and notices sent out. State Representative Sarah Lightner was contacted with respect to the unusable condition of the DNR Maple Grove launch site.

**Standing Committees:**

**Communication:** No report.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Finances:** No report.

**Activities & Calendar:** No report.

**Education & Advocacy:** No report.

**Annual Cleanup:** Jack submitted special the City of Jackson Event form for September 10. We will put in at RA Greene Park. We still need to contact the Spring Arbor Boy Scout troop about use of their canoes.

**Nominations:** No report.

**GREAT Equipment:** No report.

**River Debris Removal:** No report.

**GREAT land and building:** No report.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Grand River Trail Map and Booklet:** No report.

**Water Trail:** No report.

**RELATED GROUPS:**

**Watershed Council:** No report.

**Earth Day:** see above.

**JCCD:.** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No action

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

The next monthly meeting will be on be August 3 at 7:00 PM at Summit Township Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Kurt Rudolph, Recorder of Minutes

*The mission of GREAT is to promote the protection and preservation of the Grand River Watershed through activities and educational programs.*

## Past Meeting(s) To Do List

- **Open Board Positions** –
  - **Other Board Members** should look to identify other individuals who might be willing to serve on the board. An ideal candidate would be tech savvy to assist with items like: Wild Apricot, Meet-up, Wix, and Chimp-Monkey.
- **Marketing** –
  - **Kay Brown** and **Deb** will provide a write-up of their findings thus far on the topic as performed by the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club. The write-up will include the various software/apps used by LOAPC and their costs.
  - **Kay** and **John** will take the lead on placing information on Meet-up
  - **Kay** ~~to invite Loretta Crum to May meeting.~~ Complete
- **Newsletter** – **Deb** to complete newly formatted Newsletter to be distributed via email and issue by ??.
- **JTV** – **Kurt R** will arrange an appearance on JTV with Dan and himself.