



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2022

Summit Township Hall

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Kenny Price at 7:03 P.M leading with some bad jokes.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Kenny Price, Kurt LaFrance, Jack Ripstra, Deb Snell, Kay Brown, Dan Kaser, Cathy Jehnzen, Kurt Rudolph and Benji Ward.

**Absent:** John Minar

### **AGENDA REVIEW:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

There was a motion to accept May minutes as emailed by Jack Ripstra, seconded by Benji Ward, and approved by all.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Deb Snell reported that there are 56 paid memberships, with 7 new since May.

### **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 \$19,693.23. Jack reported that we are equal with last year for the number of memberships for this time of year. However, we are \$310 less with respect to revenue from Membership income.

### **RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:**

Jack reported that the Grand River is at 12.67', which appears to be abnormally high. However, large amounts of rainfall in the NE portion of the watershed resulted in large amounts of water that still need to be drained from Gillett's Lake and Center Lake areas due to flooding in that portion of the county. Therefore, the June 2 Mystery Paddle may be cancelled.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Kenny had no report.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **2022 Event Roster** – The Events Roster was circulated to signing up for responsibilities.
- **May Paddle May 14 (Loomis Rd to Vandercook Lake)** – We had a brilliant blue sky at the start of the paddle that turned to thunderstorms, hail and wind at Hague Rd. Sadly, it was not the best experience for one of our first time paddlers. We hope she returns.
- **Life Jackets** – The Life Jackets have been reorganized by Kay and Cathy. There is some concern with the age. The age concern may not be as great for ours are not heavily used or worn and do not have a great deal of outdoor UV exposure. We need the large number due to the Clean-up.
- **Mystery Paddle** – As noted in the Rivermaster's report this was cancelled for June 2, but will be reconsidered in a 2-3 weeks. The key is that we need 19' of clearance under the bridge.
- **June Paddle and Annual Dinner** – Twenty-six have signed up for dinner. This is lighter than expected. Therefore, we need to check with the caterer.
- **Senior Paddle** – The City of Jackson Active Aging Group will paddle on Wednesday, June 22

12:30-3PM from Hague to VCL using only kayaks. Requests were made for assistance with this activity.

**Standing Committees:**

**Communication:** Deb had nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** Deb requested some information, especially pictures from Kenny from Earth Day and May Paddle..

**Finances:** No report.

**Activities & Calendar:** No report.

**Education & Advocacy:** No report.

**Annual Cleanup:** No report.

**Nominations:** Brandon Goyings has interest, but did not make the meeting.

**GREAT Equipment:** No report.

**River Debris Removal:** No report.

**GREAT land and building:** There is still interest in the planting of native species following invasive species removal.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Grand River Trail Map and Booklet:** Trip 4 – US 127 to VCL needs a map on the Website. The May trip did not include the first part of this paddle.

**Water Trail:** There was discussion of County acquisition of the land between M-106 and the Grand River just south of the Portage River. This appears to place all of the land on the along the Grand River into governmental hands (MDNR, Jackson County, and Blackman Township) from Parnall Road north to this property, except for GREAT's land.

**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 July 6 at 7:PM at Blackman Township Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

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.