

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024

Members Present Breitzman, Eggleston, Hietpas, Pautz, VanBerkel, White, and Hintz

Not Present Jakel, Manion, West

Also Present Nathaniel Blood and Kevin Hietpas

Pautz called the April Committee Meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was present.

Public Appearances Kevin Hietpas was present, but just wanted to observe.

April 18, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes

Eggleston made a motion to approve the April 18, 2024, Committee Meeting minutes with corrections to list White as Absent, remove Eggleston as moving to adjourn the meeting, replacing her with Manion moving to adjourn. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

The April Financial Report was reviewed by the Committee. VanBerkel requested to include a report on the Endowment on future financial reports, dependent on the release of quarterly statements. Pautz questioned when the KASD financial aid would be released to the Center – Blood responded that typically that aid comes in October. Pautz questioned what determines when rentals are taxable or not, and where those funds go. VanBerkel made a motion to approve the April Financial Report. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Blood asked to amend the Correspondence to strike that value of \$1765.30, as it was an error. Eggleston moved to approve the Correspondence Report with the corrections suggested by Blood. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

Hietpas spoke on the current preparations for the 2024 Art Fair. The committee celebrated the fact that 32 raffle baskets were put together based on donations from area businesses. Hietpas also discussed the coordination of volunteers for the event. Hietpas also explained that the Friends group investigated having a third party serve alcohol at the event, but not having time to figure out the logistics for this year, and commented that it was a possibility for next year.

Naturalist's Report

Blood explained how Jabber now has his own revenue and expense accounts to track medical expenses. Staff are also exploring a donation menu for memorials. Garrity has been pursuing quotes for siding and removing invasive species. Hintz inquired about how treatment proceeds after species are removed – Blood will follow up with Garrity. Recently developed programs included a solar eclipse event and career day at Sunrise Elementary. Blood also reached out to UW- Green Bay's Lower Fox River Watershed Monitoring Program to monitor sites along Konkapot Creek. Hintz expressed interest in seeing how data might change after the restoration and improvements made in the creek in 2017 – 2019.

1st Quarter Usage Report

Pautz recommend a more effective way to track attendance at events.

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee

No meeting, but members of the committee did discuss the need to revisit the by-laws in the near future.

Education Sub-Committee

No report.

Building and Grounds Sub-Committee

No report. The Committee recommended scheduling a meeting.

Old Business

Corrections to the By-laws were reviewed. Pautz requested a new front page for her binder.

The Member List was reviewed. Eggleston requested a double-check of her email to make sure it is correct, and an update to her term.

New Business

An event celebrating the goat project with the Council is scheduled for June 18th, 2024.

Good of the Center

Maddie West, the Center's Naturalist Intern, will be starting June 3rd, 2024.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be on June 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, White moved to adjourn the May 16, 2024, Committee Meeting at 7:33 PM. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Blood, Naturalist