

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER COMMITTEE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018.

Chairman McSorley called the regular meeting of the 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Members Present: Gadow, Kalupa, McGinnis, McGregor, McSorley and Van Berkel.

Absent & Excused: Driessen, Gertz and Hietpas

Also Present: Nowak, Kenney and Molly McCarty.

Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Gadow made a motion to accept the January minutes. Seconded by Kalupa. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Kenney presented the December Financial Report. After discussion, McGinnis made a motion to accept the December 2017 Financial Report. Gadow seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence ó Deb introduced volunteer Molly McCarty to the committee. Molly gave an account of her findings of Garlic Mustard in the conservancy zone. She has spent countless hours pulling the plant in an effort to eradicate the invasive species. Areas of most need were discussed.

Report from the Friends of 1000 Islands – No report.

Naturalist's Report – After review of the written Naturalist Report, Nowak informed the committee that the 2018 Eagle Days event was a big success.

To date, there have been 6 intern applications received. The deadline for the applicants is Friday, February 16. Nowak will review applicants and schedule interviews.

Adm/Fin. Report – No report.

Education ó The 2018 summer programs are being finalized.

Building and Grounds ó The new paneling in the Wisconsin Room is in place. Fireplace ideas will continue to be investigated.

Old Business – Gadow reported meeting with the Mayor about the formation of a strategic plan committee. It was suggested to wait until after the election when new officers are in place. The newly elected Mayor will most certainly have ideas of who should be involved in the process.

Recently Nowak and several other people met to discuss further the ideas of using goats as a way of controlling invasive species. This group will meet again on March 13 at 3:30 pm.

New Business – Nowak asked the committee for specifications on background checks for volunteer applicants. The suggestion was made look to other similar organizations as to what policies are followed.

Good of the Center ó After a recent medical emergency of a weekend volunteer, the lack of an emergency plan was discussed. Gadow will help develop an emergency plan with detailed written instruction for staff, volunteers, emergency personnel and visitors to follow.

There being no further business, Van Berkel moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gadow. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Sally Kenney
Secretary