

Big River, Big Woods Board Minutes
October 10,2017

Attendance: Eva, Joe, Erica, Leanne, Carol, Liz
Guests: Mary and John Holmberg

1. Introductions for Mary and John.
2. Correction to August,2017 minutes – Both Judi and Leanne worked on Como Park donation. Minutes approved as corrected. No September board meeting.
3. Treasurer report – Current checking balance- \$3,184.68 Money spent – donation to MN Wildflowers \$150.00, received from National \$3.88- new membership, Plant tag money \$69+\$25. A portion of these will be paid to Wild Ones Twin Cities. Update- Como Woodland advisory board must approve our wish to donate to them \$150.00
4. Update on National Wild Ones. Looking for an Executive Director. New Treasurer updating system including membership notifications. Financial recovery going well. Number of people in all Wild Ones about 4,000.
5. October meeting speaker is Heather Holm. Her fee request is \$75. Erica/Joe made motion to increase to \$100. Liz will email meeting reminder on October17. Eva presented a flyer which will be sent to board for publicity distribution. Erica will publish notice in the Neighborhood Network one week before meeting. Treats will be furnished by Eva, Erica, and Leanne. Group will purchase one of each of Heather's 2 books and they will be given away as door prizes at end of meeting.
6. Board and other positions. Eva will ask Tahni about making group name tags. Leanne/Erica moved we give away a club membership at the November 16 election meeting. We will do potluck appetizers that night as a community building project. Eva, Joe and Liz will create and distribute a Time and Talent type form for the October meeting that can be collected and used at the November meeting to gather possible names for the board election in November and to learn member interests. Eva raised the name of Dave Dorman as a resource to help us with community building. He will attend our October meeting to observe the group.

7. Future meetings. January we will do seed sowing again with some planned community building incorporated into the meeting.

Future speakers: John Moriarity, Michelle Martin, Larissa Mottl potentials. Other suggestions Ann Sawyer soil scientist at U of M, and Dr Lee Frelich from the U about worms.

8. Suggestion from Erica that we recognize project leaders sometime in the future. Will revisit this at November board meeting.

9. Design with Nature Conference. Feb 17. Big River, Big Woods will do the book sale with assistance from Marilyn and Holly to train us in.

10. Update from Liz about membership. Liz sent out a reminder to lapsed or nearly expired membership folks with favorable response. She will send an acknowledgment email to those who responded. National will be sending out more frequent reminders about membership in the future though we can also send out an email.

Recorded by,
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BRBW secretary

PS – Don't forget to harvest seeds for January. I collected *Asclepias tuberosa*, Ironweed, Anise hyssop, *rudbeckia triloba*.