

Papakeechee Protective Association

LAPSI Team Meeting 11/8/13, 7:00pm

Minutes

Attendees (Alphabetically): Arleen Corson, Kendall Floyd, Mack & Jodi Hedges, Mark and Jan Laurent, Anthony Serianni, Virginia Surso, Diane Tulloh, Jerry Yoder

Guests: None

Old Business:

Tony reviewed financial issues per his e-mail from 11/5 in response to the letter sent by Charlotte Hill.

We discussed that the board's match from 2013 was not yet touched. However, he is no longer requesting the match for 2014 from the board. His plan was \$2,000 for three years (2014 being the second year), but as I said, he is no longer asking for the match.

Tony (Omicron) also bought two additional wall cabinets to mount to the wall. He and John will mount them.

Anthony also purchase two instruments for on-site monitoring, (not as good as a professional, but still good). They are for N and P. He also hopes to get our own DO meter in the future.

Indiana Watersheds Leadership Academy: Kendall, Diane, and Tony all applied and were accepted. Tony can't make the first meeting but Jodi is going in his place.

Tony still working on vetting our test protocols (SOPs).

Also may be good to graph in a uniform way with a designated application. Tony recommends Prism (as opposed to Excel).

Plan for next summer: Hopefully get Hannah back, if not he'll get another student, but no guarantee. ...although we can certainly test on our own.

Tony went to the last WACF of the year. Lot of discussion of their mission and invasive species. They are interested in some of our scientific measurements. He spoke with Joan Moore from Wawasee. They discussed putting together some type of regional council, perhaps of lakes of NE IN. Should be fruitful in getting the various lake management groups together for collaboration, and learning from each other.

We are also working toward getting grants in 2014. Federal and State, not sure of how much progress. Looking for a "hook" to make us unique. Possibility of using our wetland mitigation as a point of interest into getting some funds.

Speakers: Tony compiling a list. Jim Donahoe is already interested in speaking. Owns Aquatic Weed Control as well as a sediment removal company. We purchase our chemicals from him. Diane to

coordinate Jim and the community center to set a date. Virginia to also check the Syracuse community center. Subject: What weeds do we have, what are treated, what can an individual do (and not do). Planned for end of Feb or beginning of March.

Also Melissa Clack (Director Indiana Clean Lakes Program) want to come speak to us. Arleen suggested contacting the Clean Lakes and Streams (Washington Elementary in Warsaw - School a STEM school). Arleen also suggested Lyn Criton – Exec Director of Tippecanoe Conservancy. See September minutes for more names. Arleen also added that Lyn and Heather approach this as a beach design.

Over a one year period we would want to do only 2 or 3 speaker events. We also want to be specific about what we want to speakers to focus on.

Also spoke about walking through the game reserve.

Arleen also mentioned an algal bloom in her bay, always in the spring. Floats on top of water. Diane also mention a green slim along the west levee this summer.

Testing: Anthony discussed remapping points for E Coli testing more densely along shoreline,

Future testing of N and P. May be too expensive to test for Chlorophyll.

Wikipedia - Mark to spearhead updating the Papakeeche article. Ron may also be able to provide some input.

Diane – Ron’s material in regards to water testing, weeds, fish, etc... Set a date after the first of the year to review the material.

Finance: Virginia – We still have \$3,130.13 remaining out of our original \$4,000. With donations at this point we have \$3,862.04. This does not include the recent \$2,000 donation from Omicron for 2014.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Yes.

Review of action items:

Other old business, etc...

New Business:

Next meeting: 7:00pm on 2/7/14 at <location>.