



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting January 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Bay Rest Resort in Arkdale

In attendance: Rick Georgeson, Colette & Tom Camerano, Steve Taylor, Linda & Larry Everson, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Curtis Frost, Shane Wucherpfennig, Reesa Evans, Chris & Mike Turok, Jim Will, Steve Schmidt, John Kelm, Greg Lowe, Jerry Kosharek, Betty Bertram, Jim Murphy, Cassie Mordini, Matt Krueger, Mayo & Dave Ewanowski and Rick Potter

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:08 with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette Camerano distributed the November 2015 Meeting Minutes by email and regular mail. We did not have a meeting in December. Lynda Everson made a motion to approve the minutes. Virgil Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed to accept the minutes as recorded.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on PACRS current bank balances and expenses paid. Steve had revised the 2016 Operating Budget with actual 2015 numbers and it was shared with the board and members present. Previously approved at the November meeting, Steve was sending a check for \$600.00 to the River Alliance. This represented a \$100.00 membership for 2016 and \$500.00 donation from PACRS. Virgil Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mark Diedrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report: The new decals have arrived. Thank you letters along with the new decal have been mailed to members that paid 2016 memberships in the later part of 2015. Renewal notices will be mailed to members in February. Colette will get with the communication committee to determine the best use of mailing lists that were purchase from Juneau and Adams counties in 2015.

PACRS Apparel / T Shirts / Caps: Lynda Everson presented samples of digital designs that could be screened on T shirts. The t shirts samples were provided by Eagle Promotions. The members present felt the PACRS logo would look best on the back of a shirt. Reesa Evans said that a boating towel might be a nice handout during the Clean Boats and Clean Waters program. Colette and Lynda will get a cost for producing the towels and have it available for the next meeting. Tom Dorsey, owner of Bay Rest Resort, suggested that PACRS business partners sell our T shirts. Lynda will engage with Mike and Scott on their ideas how to promote PACRS wear at local businesses. PACRS caps were available for purchase right after the meeting.

Healthy Soil/ Healthy Water Workshop: PACRS representatives, Rick, Lynda and Mark have been working on the Healthy Soil Healthy Water Planning Committee. The Planning Committee is made up of representatives from the Friends of Mill Creek, PACRS, Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin, River Alliance of Wisconsin, WDNR, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers, UW-Extension, Wood County Land and Water Conservation Department. The workshop will be held at Mid-



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State Technical College on Monday, February 22nd 2016. Attendees will hear firsthand from individuals involved in locally-led efforts to build soil health, conserve nutrients, reduce erosion and improve water quality. Keynote speakers are Ray Archuleta (“The Soils Guy”) and Fred Madison (“Dr. Dirt”). Both speakers have decades of experience promoting soil health. The workshop is limited to 130 registrants. Shane Wucherpenfennig, Wood County Land and Water Conservationist, led a discussion on phosphorous, nitrates and wind erosion and the effects it has on soil and our lakes.

River Alliance Update: Matt Krueger introduced a new addition to the River Alliance team. Cassie Mordini, recently started and will be working with citizens groups like the PACRS. The River Alliance on line auction held in December was very successful and \$20,000 was raised.

Matt discussed the PACRS court petition that was filed in January 2013 that challenged the WDNR renewal of Domtar Corporation wastewater permit. Basically, PACRS said the DNR must consider the impact of phosphorus discharges into the Wisconsin River as well as downstream lakes before renewing permits that have a long-term impact on area waters, homes and businesses. On November 19, 2015 a decision came from the Wisconsin Court of Appeals affirming the circuit court’s dismissal of a petition for judicial review from June 22, 2014 of a DNR renewal of a water pollution permit from the Domtar Corporation.

Other:

- Wisconsin Lakes Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point Wednesday – Friday, March 30th – April 1st 2016. Focus is 30 years of citizens lake monitoring.
- Mother Earth Water Walk event will be held September 17 and 18th. The celebration of waters ceremony will end at the Lure in Nekoosa. Contact Reesa Evans if you would like to volunteer or need further information.
- Rapture Education Group will be releasing 8 eagles at the VFW Park in Sauk Prairie on January 16th.
- Meeting at the Rome Town Hall on January 16th to inform residents about the proposed Saratoga CAFO. Meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.

We will not have a PACRS meeting in the month of February

Next Meeting Date: Friday, March 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to Noon

**Spot in the Woods Restaurant
1940 17th Ct.
Friendship, WI. 53934**

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano, Secretary