

Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2012, New Richmond High School

The January, 2012 meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Beth Wood. Board members present were Beth Wood, Paul Schottler, Mike Kelly, Valerie Hogan, Dan Davison, Mike Reiter, Trish Moberg and Judy Remington. Also present were consultant Cheryl Clemens and Deb Ryan from the St Croix River Association.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read while the Secretary's Report was approved as submitted via email.

1. Board Development:

- a) The Vice President position is open with Pete Kling's resignation. Pete's replacement selection was tabled until a future meeting.

2. Property Management:

- a. Deb Ryan, Executive Director of the St Croix River Association, along with Cheryl Clemens provided the group with an overview of a DNR River Planning Grant Proposal. The deadline for grant submission is April 15th. The 10K grant would require a 50% match and volunteer time could be incorporated in it. SPF&GA has budgeted \$1000.00 to the SPLPT for use if necessary for educational or conservation purposes. The 2012 Service Learning Day activities could be a part of the match. Several key points could be incorporate into the grant submission. 1. Promoting of Trust, 2. Training for citizens about ordinances and shoreline zoning, 3. Membership recruiting efforts, 4. Update of strategic plan, 5. Educational opportunities, 6. Inventory and mapping.

After much discussion a motion was made and approved unanimously to have Cheryl move forward with the grant submission.

- b. Deb mentioned that the St Croix River Association would be hiring a Watershed Coordinator soon. A Conservation Collaborative Group Meeting also will be held at Interstate Park on January 19th starting at 9 am. This group develops partnerships for various projects. Val volunteered to attend as a SPLPT representative.
- c. A decision was made to have the SPLPT join the St Croix River Association. The St Croix River Association will also become a member of our trust.
- d. Mike Kelly noted that he has SPLPT brochures and other information available for distribution.

2. Education:

- a. The scout camp out and recent Conservation Day activities at McMurtrie Preserve was a huge success with a 2012 event being planned. Use of the McMurtrie Preserve should be promoted to the fullest to utilize the property.
- b. The Friends of the St Croix Wetland Management District is planning a winter walk on Oak Ridge Waterfowl Production Area on January 21st.

3. Marketing/PR:

- a. Website hosting fees have been paid. Other changes to the site or upgrades are still under consideration. Val is working with Dan Michaelis for updates to the site. Dan has been provided with the contents of the CD with club documents with a request to make them available on the secure area of the site. A sheet to list individual Board Member password was sent around.

- b. The SPLPT's annual newsletters will be developed for mailing in January and June. The June newsletter will also serve as an invitation to our Annual Meeting in July. The subject of having board member photographs submitted was addressed with the possibility of using a group photo. Monthly board meeting dates could be listed and frequently asked questions about land trusts could be answered.
- c. Thank you letters for donations and other related issues were discussed.

4. Membership Report:

- a. Val provided a review of the results of our membership recruiting efforts. Judy will be brought up to speed on the committee. Everyone agreed to help out on this very important committee.

5. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.
- b. Unless a change to meeting dates is made the SPLPT's meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of every other month. Meetings are scheduled for:
 - March 12th
 - May 14th
 - July 9th (Annual Meeting)
 - September 10th
 - November 12th

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Reiter - Recorder