

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Minutes Feb 23, 2010
Approved March 23, 2010

Present:

Elsa Althen, Bill Barker, Kennedy Gilchrist, Laura Shere, Don Waller, Susan Will-Wolf.

Also present:

Kris Ackerbauer (Physical Plant), Janet Batzli (Biocore), Cathie Bruner (Preserve staff), Ann Burgess (Friends), Glenda Denniston (Friends), Daniel Einstein (Preserve staff), Rhonda James (FPM), Erica Jones (F H King, Students for Sustainable Agriculture), Roma Lenehan (Friends), Seth McGee (Biocore), Robin Mittenthal (Eagle Heights Gardens), Marcia Schmidt (Friends), Steve Thomforde (Preserve staff), and John Welton (F H King, Students for Sustainable Agriculture).

Minutes:

The minutes from the Jan. 26, 2010 committee meeting were approved.

Public comment:

No public comments were offered.

Updates/announcements

Alcohol policy on Picnic Point. The Facility Use committee adopted the Preserve committee's recommended revisions to the alcohol use guidelines (see Jan. 26 minutes).

Spring fire plan. Planning for burning 13 acres of restored prairie in the Biocore area is moving forward. Sections will not be burned, both within and surrounding the burn unit in order to provide fauna refugia.

Preserve archive project. Althen reported on the opportunity to use the existing web based archive site "Minds@UW" for managing Preserve data.

Discussion

New sub-committees. Barker invited committee members to contact him regarding their interest in serving on two new sub-committees "Planning and Implementation" and "Communications."

FY-10 budget. Barker acknowledged the continuing generosity of the Friends group with their most recent gift of \$15,000 to the Stewardship fund (in addition to non-cash donations to support the Audubon interns and purchase plant materials.)

The FY-10 budget was approved.

Willow Creek planting plan. Bruner presented a site plan, and plant list for the east section of Willow Creek Woods. Will-Wolf expressed concern that the thorns from the hawthorn (*Crataegus cruss-gali*) might pose site management problems. The plan was approved as
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presented, with the understanding that plant material of local eco-types would be used on the site.

Lot 34 planting plan. Bruner presented a site plan and a plant list for the shoreline and upland area near Lot 34. The plan was approved as presented.

FH King land permit expansion request. Representatives from the FH King Students for Sustainable Agriculture provided an overview of their current program. They expressed their desire to expand the size of their current garden plots by approximately one acre.

Shere and Mittenthal expressed support for the general goals of the group. Batzli also supports the value of the group. However, she did not support the option of re-allocating land already permitted to Biocore for use by the FH King group. Barker suggested that the matter be referred to the March meeting, for further discussion.

Bike and pedestrian conflicts on Picnic Point. No discussion occurred on this matter.

Adjournment

Submitted by Daniel Einstein