



**University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee  
Friday October 20, 2017  
9:30-11:00am  
Union South, Industry A  
Meeting Notes  
(No quorum therefore no action)**

**Present**

Jacqueline Beaulieu, Sara Hotchkiss, Gisela Kutzbach, Karen Oberhauser, Alan Turnquist

**Also Present**

Kris Ackerbauer (FP&M Physical Plant), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Mark Kenoyer (Dept. of Anthropology), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Steve Sentoff (Preserve volunteer and Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

**Minutes**

No quorum; action on meeting minutes from September 15, 2017 will be tabled until the November meeting.

**Long-term permit holder presentation—Ancient Technology - summer 2017**

Anthropology 352: Ancient Technology and Invention was first taught in 1988 utilizing the same area the class uses today to the south of Biocore.

The area has loess deposits that are perfect for making clay plaster and pottery. Each year student construct at least one kiln and fire pottery on-site. Student projects vary widely: inscribing granite using different types of chisels, making stone tools, weaving, iron smelting, making shell inlay, salt curing hides, and enameling. By using the same site every year, the students are actually creating an archeological site, which has been registered with the State Historical Society.

This is the only course of its type taught in the world. Cultural Heritage Workshop participants from Pakistan visited the site in August 2011. The course received the 1990 North American Association of Summer Sessions, Creative and Innovative Merit Award. 483 students have taken the class since 1988—22% were graduate students and the remaining 78% are undergraduates and returning adults.

In fall 2018 Kenoyer will teach a FIG (First-year Interest Group) on culture, environment, and technology.

A Japanese anagama kiln on the site was used by Art Ceramics Professor Bruce Brekenridge who has since retired from the UW. No current faculty are wood firing ceramics. There has been a little interest by some graduate students and a visiting professor, but using it is a production that requires 4 days of firing. Kenoyer believes that the facility should be maintained for future faculty who may want to use it. The Art Department is aware of this resource.



## **Staff Reports**

1. Director Report

*See Preserve Staff Reports – October 20, 2017*

2. Program Manager Report (Laura Wyatt)

*See Preserve Staff Reports – October 20, 2017*

The Biocore Bird Banding Station has closed for the season after being open twice in September; banding cannot occur in rain or temperatures below 50 degrees F. Banding activity will resume in the spring. We are thankful for the team of volunteer facilitators that have stepped forward to continue the program.

3. Capital Projects Report

*See Preserve Staff Reports – October 20, 2017*

4. Field Activities Report (Adam Gundlach)

*See Preserve Staff Reports – October 20, 2017*

5. Volunteers and Outreach Report (Bryn Scriver)

*See Preserve Staff Reports – October 20, 2017*

### **Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Gisela Kutzbach)**

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The Friends have offered over 20 field trips this year. Half of them are led by an expert with a focus on one topic while the other half are more family friendly bird and nature walks.

Gisela Kutzbach led a history of the Preserve tour this month for PLATO (Participatory Learning and Teaching Organization). The Friends would like to work with Preserve staff and lead more guided tours for organized groups in the future. Participants paid \$10 to participate in the walk. A portion of which will be donated to the Preserve Stewardship fund.

The Friends will be looking for new board members.

### **Review of October 11<sup>th</sup> stakeholders meeting (Laura Wyatt)**

The stakeholder meeting on October 11 provided an opportunity for the public to learn about what has been taking place over the last 6 months and to ask questions of Preserve staff. A total of 10 people were present for the meeting: 4 Preserve staff, 1 UW affiliated person, 1 Preserve Committee member, and 4 public community members associated with the Friends of the Preserve. Laura will send out notes from the meeting as soon as they are ready.

There was some concern expressed that vines on the stonewall at Picnic Point may be contributing to the deterioration of the wall. Preserve staff will review.

There is invasive reed canary grass in the Picnic Point Marsh. We have provided some control and are monitoring the population. With a generous gift we have been able to hire an additional staff person for 4 summers (2018 will be year 3) to work on invasive species control. All of the work we do related to

invasive species is supported through gift funds. The Preserve relies on \$70,000 of gift funds per year to support Preserve land management.

We were asked to help protect a pine tree that is a favorite roost for owls when the Natatorium is rebuilt.

The deadline for the public to submit project proposals is November 1. The Planning and Implementation subcommittee will review the proposals and share their recommendations with staff and the Preserve Committee at the November meeting. This process was initiated as a way to ensure good ideas from stakeholders can be considered at the beginning of the annual work planning and budgeting process.

### **Student Engagement Grant (Alan Turnquist)**

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year the Preserve is offering a competitive grant program for undergrad student engagement in Preserve. This is a great program to get students in the Preserve through academic pursuits. The maximum individual award is \$1000 for equipment or student stipends, and the total amount we have to award in 2018 is approximately \$3000. The funds we have available is from the interest of an endowment created by Profs. Henry Hart and Robert Goodman. The request for proposals will go out at the beginning of November and again in January with a March 1 deadline.

The Education subcommittee members will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Preserve Committee at the March meeting. Members include Mattie Urrutia, David Drake, and Alan Turnquist. Jacqueline Beaulieu volunteered to serve on the committee.

### **Adjournment**

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Outreach Specialist

