

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Friends of Cedar Creek

April 16, 2011 – at Izaak Walton League

Fred Feitler, Vice-President, opened the meeting at 9:25 AM and welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Fred shared the sad news that Dee Pence passed away the evening before (April 15th) at 6:00 PM and said he hoped that Friends of Cedar Creek can make a donation in her name.

Fred called everyone's attention to the fact that other than dues, our only other income is fundraisers, and a fundraiser, a flower sale, with a free will offering, is taking place this morning. We would like \$5 per family if that is possible.

Minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting

Dave Van Gilder moved to accept the minutes. Carol Roberts seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – Faith Van Gilder, Treasurer

We have roughly a little over 250 members. People are very generous with their membership, giving more than their membership dues. We had \$390 in donations to the heronry fund. Total income was \$2,770.85. Expenses were very light. Post office box rental (\$28), flowers for Art George's funeral (\$83.41). In reflection, in the future, we should donate to a nature related organization. We support the Izaak Walton League Youth Camp (\$75), and our name goes on the back of the t-shirt that the campers received. Total expenses were \$484.82. The value of the Certificate of Deposit is \$1,517.78; we have \$2,102.36 in savings, and \$3,824.40 in checking. The balance at the end of 2010 was \$9,730.57. We made a \$300 donation in 2009 to Izaak Walton League for use of their facility. Karen Griggs moved to accept the financial statement, Dennis Baker seconded. All approved.

Dave Van Gilder moved to make a donation to a nature-related organization in Dee Pence's name. It was decided that the organization would be the Gene Stratton Porter State Memorial on Sylvan Lake. The amount would be \$75. Carol Roberts seconded. All in favor.

Dave Van Gilder moved to make a donation to Izaak Walton League of \$300, thanking them for the use of the facility. Dennis Baker seconded. All approved.

Carol Roberts: There has been a lot of dumping along Coldwater Road. What about posting signs? Zack Walter: They have been dumping on Griffin Road as well. Fred Feitler: One of the things that was discussed was having a cleanup day. That may be more important than a no-dumping sign. Karen Elliott: I called the county one time about a washing machine, and they came out and picked it up. Zack Walter: They will come out. Dennis Baker: A clean-up day would be a good solution. Fred Feitler: It would be a good idea for us to continue the clean-up project. Faith Van Gilder: Next Friday is Earth Day, and we have encouraged our teenagers to pick up trash that day. Zack Walter: Let's do it. We have a dumpster, and we could use that. Fred: Al and I will get an email out to the members of this group to notify them. Faith: I could mention it to a photographer to get some publicity for Earth Day. Dennis Baker and Diefenbachs have trailers.

Election of Board Members.

Karen_Griggs asked to be removed from the Board of Directors. New people who would be willing to serve on our Board: Tom Bastable nominated Zack Walter for the Board. Fred: nominated Tad Bowman from Auburn to serve on the board. Dave: I make a motion that the board remain the same except for Karen Griggs and the inclusion of Zack Walter and Tad Bowman. Tom Bastable seconded. All approved.

Election of Officers

Officers: Treasurer, Faith Van Gilder; Recording secretary, Sue Diefenbach; Secretary, Mary Anna Feitler, Membership, Sue Till and Erma Wolfe, Vice-President, Fred Feitler. All are willing to continue in their roles. Al Diefenbach has expressed an interest in stepping down, and has offered to help the new president with any duties. Fred Feitler: I would like to nominate Shirley Meighen for president. Shirley: It seems like an ominous position. I don't feel that I know enough persons to do what Al has done. Dennis: Shirley would make a fine president. Dave: I make a motion that we accept the slate of candidates (above) as stated and that in addition we move the nomination of Shirley as president. Carol Roberts seconded. MaryAnna: I move that we have the secretary pass a unanimous vote for the slate as discussed. Larry Yoder seconded. All in favor.

Old Business – none

New Business – none.

We will have a program next month.

Reminder: Plant sale is ongoing. Our guest speaker is Bob Gillespie, Associate Professor of Biology at IPFW.

Motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting: Dave Van Gilder. Anne Shure seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Diefenbach, Recording secretary.

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