



**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Monday October 17, 2016
12:30-2:00PM
Union South
APPROVED Minutes**

Present

Janet Batzli, Gary Brown, David Drake, Sara Hotchkiss, Kelly Ignatoski, Rhonda James, Gisela Kutzbach, August McGinnity-Wake, Brooke Nelson, Glen Stanosz, Alan Turnquist, Mattie Urrutia

Also Present

Kris Ackerbauer (FPM), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Will Waller (Eagle Heights Gardens/Friends), Suzy Will-Wolf (Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2016 was made by Batzli and seconded by Drake. The motion was approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Education Subcommittee (Mattie Urrutia)

The subcommittee met last week to review the call for student engagement grant proposals. The March 1, 2017 due date is still valid. The subcommittee added additional language to item #6 under “Process for application” to be more specific about how undergraduate students will be recruited and engaged. They also recommend continuing to allow funds to be used for classroom instructional materials even though there may be other sources of funds out there since this contributes to getting students into the Preserve.

The request for proposals and a one-page flyer goes out to every department and program plus residential learning communities in the Fall and again in January.

Additional places to advertise the grant opportunity were identified by committee members including: ASM Sustainability Committee, L&S Internship Program, and WISCIENCE.

Preserve staff does not identify priorities or provide direction on projects in any way for the proposed grants. We enjoy the variety of proposals that come in, and students have the opportunity to ask their own research questions.

2. Students for the Preserve (Brooke Nelson)

On Friday September 30 the Students for the Preserve participated in the Office of Sustainability’s Sustain-A-Bash where they promoted the Preserve with a trivia game and recruited for the group. On October 6 Paul Metscher led a kick-off meeting for interested students. It was an opportunity for students to meet each other and plan activities for the semester. The Friends of the Preserve donated pizza for the event. Plans are in the works for a fire and s’mores on Picnic Point.

Staff Reports

1. Director Report (Gary Brown)

See Preserve Staff Reports – October 17, 2016

Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning and Management, Bill Elvey, is leaving the UW this month. Margaret Tennesen will serve as the interim AVC until a replacement can be found.

Brown reviewed the 2017 work plan and budget process. *See 2017 Work Plan & Budget Process Overview.*

2. Program Manager Report (Laura Wyatt)
See Preserve Staff Reports – October 17, 2016
3. Capital Projects Report (Rhonda James)
See Preserve Staff Reports – October 17, 2016
4. Field Activities Report (Adam Gundlach)
See Preserve Staff Reports – October 17, 2016

There was a discussion on hazard trees and the process for identifying them. The Preserve staff works with the UW-Grounds staff and follows the guidance of the International Society of Arboriculture in identifying and safely removing hazard trees. Staff is working on developing a management protocol regarding tree risk assessment which will be presented to the Preserve Committee early next year.

5. Volunteers and Outreach Report (Bryn Scriver)
See Preserve Staff Reports – October 17, 2016
See also Preserve Audio Trail and Class of 1918 Marsh Audio Field Trip Usage Report

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Gisela Kutzbach)

See Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report—October 17, 2016

Propagation Bed for Fruit Cloning - Student Engagement Grant presentation (Will Waller)

The Eagle Heights Community Gardens started a fruit permaculture program in 2008 as an opportunity to use the grassy edges of the gardens that were being mowed to educate students and gardeners about growing fruit trees and small bush fruits. Currently there are 120 trees in the gardens and 55 small bush fruits including: blueberries, gooseberries, and currents. Gardeners care for the fruit trees and shrubs as part of the mandatory garden work days. In the last season, about 200 gardeners participated in 12-15 workdays associated with the fruit growing program.

The fruit cloning bed allows gardeners the chance to learn about and participate in propagating fruit plants while saving money that would have been spent on purchasing plants. The bed consists of: a wood box with a wire screen cover, a timer, a valve system, and filters. The system sprays a micro-mist on leaf cuttings. After the plants leave the propagation box they spend another season in a 300 square foot plant nursery before getting planted out in the garden.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was moved by Batzli and seconded by McGinnity-Wake. Motion carried.

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Outreach Specialist