



**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Friday November 17, 2017
9:30-11:00am
Union South, Industry A
APPROVED Minutes**

Present

Janet Batzli, Jacqueline Beaulieu, Gary Brown, David Drake, Sara Hotchkiss, Kelly Ignatoski, Glen Stanosz, Alan Turnquist, Mattie Urrutia

Also Present

Kris Ackerbauer (FPM), Ann Burgess (Friends), Doris Dubelzieg (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Seth McGee (Biocore), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2017 was made by Drake and seconded by Batzli. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

1. Director Report (Gary Brown)

See Preserve Staff Reports – November 17, 2017

The second (of two) stakeholder meetings is scheduled for January 30, 2018 at 5:30 in the WARF building room 132. Staff will present the draft 2018 work plan and budget.

Quorum for the Preserve Committee meetings in December and February will be important so that the committee can conduct the business of reviewing and voting to approve the 2018 work plan and budgets.

Please send your spring semester schedules to Bryn Scriver ASAP so that she can schedule our spring semester Committee Meetings.

2. Program Manager Report (Laura Wyatt)

See Preserve Staff Reports – November 17, 2017

Preserve staff are working to draft our annual appeal to go out at the end of the year. They are also developing a #GivingTuesday electronic appeal for the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It's good for people to know they can support the Preserve. In each Preserve E-Newsletter, Preserve staff try to feature a donor or gift to the Preserve. If you know someone who should be on our donor list please contact Laura Wyatt.

3. Capital Projects Report (Gary Brown for Rhonda James)

See Preserve Staff Reports – November 17, 2017

4. Field Activities Report (Adam Gundlach)

See Preserve Staff Reports – November 17, 2017

Preserve staff have a potential prescribed burn window on Monday November 20.

5. Volunteers and Outreach Report (Bryn Scriver)

See Preserve Staff Reports – November 17, 2017

Suggestions were given as places to advertise for on-going volunteers: Wild Ones, UW Housing, GreenHouse.

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Doris Dubelzieg for Gisela Kutzbach)

See Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Year-End Report – November 17, 2017

Doris Dubelzieg asked if the Friends could go ahead and have a planting work party this spring. Preserve staff said Friends members can always participate in a volunteer event coordinated by Preserve staff that could include spring planting activity. It is important to remember that all field activities and volunteer events need to be closely coordinated with Preserve staff as early as possible in the planning stages for any such events.

Sara Hotchkiss and Janet Batzli were both supportive of the Friends efforts to survey the past planting areas. Hotchkiss said it's important to document activities to know what works or not. This type of activity supports our overall adaptive management approach in the Preserve. Batzli said the Friends survey project is a nice example of when the Preserve's mission of education, research and outreach come together to provide opportunities for groups to work together.

Laura Wyatt thanked Suzy Will-Wolf for her gift of talent and time to develop survey protocols.

Guidelines for photography within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

See Guidelines for Photography within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve—11-10-17

The impetus for these guidelines was a video shot by students in the Preserve for a commercial clothing line. These guidelines will reinforce our expectations to follow all posted Preserve use rules (i.e. stay on trails) even though staff cannot always be out in the Preserve enforcing them. The guidelines will be posted on our website and in our kiosk.

Preserve staff will add language to refer to the UW policy on drone use as often drone users are using photography as part of their flights.

The guidelines are similar to the UW Arboretum's guidelines; however the UW Arboretum sells a permit for commercial photographers.

David Drake suggested the Preserve staff charge photographers for a permit like the UW Arboretum since its essentially free money. Laura Wyatt will explore what it would take in terms of resources to take in money. Kelly Ignatoski said we could simply suggest that commercial photographers make a donation to the Preserve Stewardship Account.

Guidelines for monetary gifts for plantings

See Guidelines for Monetary gifts for Plantings—11-10-17

Preserve staff occasionally get requests to plant trees in memory or honor of people. Memorials on the UW-Madison campus require tracking and monitoring and agreements to replace materials within a certain time frame. They also typically require some association with the university. The Preserve is a natural area and not a manicured part of campus—Preserve staff are less able to control the environment to guarantee trees will survive in a naturalized setting. Staff have created guidelines to outline how to accept monetary gifts specifically for plantings in the Preserve. This is not a memorial tree or memorial planting program. Donors can provide the Preserve with funds to purchase planting materials appropriate, reviewed and approved by Preserve staff, for the facility. Donor will not be able to supply planting materials as in-kind gifts. There will also be no recognition plaques, as standard across campus on memorial or gifted planting areas.

Project Proposal—Prairie Partners Intern Funding, Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Glen Stanosz)

The Preserve staff received one project proposal for the 2018 budget year—a proposal by the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve to fund the Prairie Partners Interns. The Friends will help provide educational programming to the interns and they would like to see the interns work in some of the former Friends project areas including East Bill's Woods and around the Heritage Oak.

The Planning and Implementation subcommittee reviewed the proposal and recommended that the Preserve committee approve the project request. No second was needed since the motion was made by a subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

Overview of Eagle Heights Woods Project (Adam Gundlach)

Management in Eagle Heights Woods is guided by the UW-Madison Indian Burial Sites Management Policy (2011) and UW-Madison Archeological Sites Land Management Guidelines (2013).

In 2013, the Preserve Committee approved a site management plan for Eagle Heights Woods developed by Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture staff. The initial brush removals took place between January and March 2014. Between fall 2014 and spring 2015, the Friends of the Preserve raised \$135,000 to fund the implementation of the management plan. Invasive brush removals continue to the present with the west and east zone still requiring work.

Vegetation surveys are conducted in each zone prior to invasive brush removal to provide a baseline for management work. The surveys have been led by volunteer Suzy Will-Wolf and carried out with the help of Friends volunteers, summer interns and Preserve staff.

Hazard tree mitigation has been an important part of the work taking place in Eagle Heights Woods to protect Indian burial mounds and trail users.

Several trails have been rerouted to prevent erosion. The main trail from Shady Lane still needs to be addressed.

Prescribed fire has been reintroduced to Eagle Heights Woods to encourage oak regeneration and a diverse groundlayer.

Future management includes continued brush removal, resprout control, vegetation surveys, seeding and planting, and trail maintenance.

Laura Wyatt recognized Adam for his work on the Eagle Heights Project—coordinating contract work and doing outreach. She also thanked the Friends whose fundraising efforts made this work possible.

Adjournment

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Outreach Specialist