

President Scott Carpenter called the FOBL BOD meeting to order at 4:33 PM. Present were: Scott Carpenter, John Snyder (Treasurer), Frank Steck (late), Paul Adelman, Diane Garetz, Joellyn Malone, Don Weirens.

After brief welcoming remarks, Scott **motioned** to approve the Minutes of the March meeting; Motion passed.

John gave a treasurer's report. FOBL account: no change; balance ~\$1,500.

Scott reported on the FOBL Outdoor Project Responsibilities (OPR) approved 11/2018 by Jim Vaughn:

- a) Buckthorn removal between the paved trail and the lakefront extending from the FOBL kiosk to the Kayak access.
- b) Planting of an area approximately 6000 sf contained within an 8 ft. deer enclosure fence including the buffer area between the deer fence and the woodchip path, mini-storage fence, and the White's property line.
- c) Planting of an area approximately 300 sf. located adjacent to the new bench at the outlet structure.
- d) Maintenance of the woodchip trail, previously installed signage, previously cleared areas, and planted materials.
- e) Removal of cattails for a 3000-sf kayak launch as permitted by the DNR with access provided from the park trail.

Scott noted the Report of Standing Committees (Jen and Deirdre/Freshwater (not present)

a. FOBL Operating Principles

b. FOBL Conversation Etiquette

Scott commented that the ten principles and four etiquette points mentioned are notable and could be added to the website or somewhere as a reminder

Frank Steck reported on the ad hoc committee to investigate liability insurance for FOBL. After repeated communication attempts to SLP Finance Director without success, Frank mentioned he may resort to contacting others but was hoping to get results by next FOBL BOD meeting.

Treasurer John Snyder **motioned** that we amend FOBL Bylaws - Article 7 to reflect our September-August fiscal year. Motion Passed.

The terms of membership were discussed but as we do not have 'dues' no action was taken.

Note for reference: Motions are the parliamentary method of balancing:

- The right of the majority to decide
- The minority to be heard
- The individual to speak
- The absentee to be considered

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Diane **motioned** Sunai to present an educational program to the FOBL BOD on using native plants. Motion passed. (This needs to be scheduled; May BOD meeting?) Motion passed.
2. Scott **motioned** FOBL to purchase \$335 plus shipping (400 plants; 100 ea. Red Osier Dogwood, Arrowwood, Highbush Cranberry, 100 Nannyberry) from Iowa State Forestry for planting per OPR reported above (or for 'nursery' area storage for planting elsewhere). To be planted by FOBL volunteers in May. Motion passed.
3. Joellyn **motioned** FOBL will partner with "Wild Ones" volunteers to plant native plants in the deer enclosure area per Nathalie Shanstrude's design. Motion passed.
4. Scott **motioned** FOBL to purchase forb, sedge and grass mix to seed 5000sf of lakeshore between the kiosk and the kayak launch with funds not to exceed \$300 from Minnesota Native Landscapes. To be planted by FOBL volunteers in May/June. Motion passed.
5. Diane **motioned** she would chair our spring outreach event. Motion passed.
6. John **motioned** to identify and label existing desirable species. Needs a chair (Joellyn?). Motion passed.
7. Don volunteered to be an additional officer (Vice President). Scott so **motioned**; motion passed.

President Scott Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Don Weirens