

Minutes of the Michiana Watershed

October 12, 2010

Members Present: Ted Beatty, Rick Carey, Jonathon Geels, Simeon Geels, Ken Sauer, Henry Scott

BioBlitz Thank You

- Mariah Peacock from St Joseph County Parks stopped by to thank us for our financial support of the 2010 BioBlitz event on Sept. 11.

Welcome Back Rick Carey

- Rick is ready to get back involved and is excited about potential improvements of and along the East Race. He has been talking with Rob DeCleene of the Chamber of Commerce about revitalizing the East Race -- there is strong potential for a synergistic effort.

KSBB Update from Jonathon

- Parking Day (9/17/2010) was very successful: lots of visitors, including representatives from the governor's office, and good media coverage.
- Great South Bend Cleanup (10/2/2010) was also successful. Howard Park, Leeper Park, Rum Village were all addressed; will be recognized by Parks and Recreation on Thursday, 10/14 for this effort.
- Michiana Green Drinks (organized Joel Barrett) -- meet every month to talk about green initiatives (2nd Tues of every month). This may be a good way for both KSBB and MW to network with other like-minded groups in Michiana.

Listserv Discussion

- Brief discussion about establishing a listserv, either something like Constant Contact or using the IU listserv, for email communication with the MW membership. Ken will pass the current mailing list to Henry to start the conversion.

Website Update

- Nancy Sawyer has completed a new template for the website using WordPress software. This will make it easier for the MW officers to update content on the website. Henry has started moving content over from the old website and will send a temporary link to the officers to try it out before replacing the old website with the new version.

Paddler's Guide

- Karla is making progress on updates for the Paddler's Guide.

Trail Update

- Ken will attend a meeting on Wednesday the 20th regarding the IN-MI River Valley Trail
- Latest word is that an at-grade crossing at Cleveland Rd may be possible on the LaSalle Trail