

## Minutes of the Michiana Watershed

June 14, 2011

**Members Present:** Ted Beatty, Rick Carey, Bob Cervelli, Jonathon Geels, Simeon Geels, Ken Sauer, Henry Scott, Don Sporleeder

- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Welcome back for Bob (and his daughter Janice)-- the day after his 90th birthday!
- Paddlefest update from Ted
  - Sunday, June 26
  - This will be the 10th year
  - Everything more or less in place
  - Could still use volunteers
  - Financially in good shape
  - Good publicity in RPM about the event and paddling in general
  - 1st of two instruction sessions was a success -- next in August (covers uses of St Pats facilities)
  - Rick offered to contact the Chamber of Commerce to request volunteers
- Rick announced that ERWWRC, on August 6, will do some kayak demos on the east race
  - The city will be renting rafts
  - Also, they will try to get a demo connected with the Urban Adventure race end of July
- Don announced the 21st annual Huck Finn Float that will take place on June 25th
- Paddlers Guide update from Ken
  - Materials turned over to Eureka Cartography
  - Latest estimate is \$4500 (greater than amount pledged by AM)
  - Ken submitted supplemental proposal to AM to cover difference, and they agreed
  - Expecting completion in July; first run will be 1500
- Announcement of donation by Bob's family that will be used toward progressing the LaSalle Trail
- LaSalle Trail update: campaign to raise the needed \$120k for the Cleveland Rd crossing and next half mile
- Ecofest
  - Event will be on Saturday, June 18th

- Need volunteers
- KSBB announcements from Jonathon
  - Hydroelectric turbine: plan is to install 45kW generator in Seytz Park right by the East Race; kiosk with rainwater collection, power storage when rink not operating; monitors of fish ladder
  - Parking day: 9/17(?) short term creation of pocket park. This year the plan is to do 10 diff. locations, each sponsored, with a "park crawl;" South Bend is now on the website
  - October: another Great South Bend cleanup; about 90 people last year; will coordinate with maintain. director of parks