

## CRCPRA Management Meeting

March 1st, 7 pm

Present: Mark Mosey, Paul Verdon, LeAnn Ralph, Kathy Stahl, Lee Boland, Keith Gilland, Sid Hoke.

- Review minutes: minutes approved.
- Tracking CRCPRA account:
  - Kathy proposed the idea of a treasurer.
  - We will need access to bank statements, at the very least.
  - The treasurer would prove useful to keep track of any deals that we could find on stuff that is needed.
  - The money itself is held in a separate account through Dairy State bank.
- Perimeter trail ski/snowshoe and signage:
  - Someone has gone over the ski trail, the result of no sign or the pushing of limits?
  - Paul: The posting of signage will really let people know what the rules are.
  - Sid: A posting in the messenger may also render useful to deter people from using motorized vehicles
  - Collectively we will wait on the issue to see if it worsens. If it does we will proceed from there.
- Prairie Restoration:
  - Keith's students have been surveying the open eastern area. Also have been doing some tree sampling, mapping. Should not take long because there is not a lot out there. All for their undergraduate capstone!
  - Possibility of getting rid of the Siberian Elm because of how invasive it is. Cottonwood is good where it's at but not in a prairie setting. Checking with chipping/logging company may be willing to come in and remove the trees and sell the chips. May be good to open the area up and head towards controlled burns.
  - Grant would also be an option to look into when it comes to chipping. Price would be confirmed after he looked at the area. Very flexible.
  - School also needs chips and might be a feasible option for a local dump for him.
- Work Sessions:
  - Workday 3/6
  - Workday 3/27 1 p.m.
  - Activities for Earth day through school, probably involving coming out to the site to pick up trash.
- Display Updates:
  - The entirety of the process is on the move and things should come together pretty soon.
  - The Kiosk looks A-mazing!
  - School-made boxes for trail maps might be an option for us to house people's sightings and such.
- Wildlife Sightings Log:
  - Box and key for sightings and general. Possibly a notebook for people who walk there often.
  - Think about how we might be able to pull off a study or something similar to keep eye on wildlife and the transformation of the area.

- Trail benches:
  - Timber Technologies and Sand Hill may be willing to either cut slabs or put our benches together for us.
  - A family did have an interest in donating a bench in memory. Others would also be more than happy to and interested in donating a bench.
  - Vote was cast for Leopold benches and all were in favor.
- Ferry Conversation:
  - Activities planned for summer and opening house. More to be discussed next meeting.
  - ^ Speaker ideas or poster
- Public Comments/Public Feedback Report
  - A website might be a possible option and should be discussed with Karen.
  - A Post should be made on the kiosk inviting people to report things/ public comments.
  - People would like to see a dog park. - There will be no fenced-in area designated for a dog park. But just the area itself, which people are allowed to bring their dogs to.
  - LeAnn requests pictures of workdays for the papers.
- Meeting agenda for next month:
  - Speaker ideas for the opening ceremony (posters), workdays, benches. Chipping, and possible clearing of trees.
- Meeting Adjourned:
  - 9:02 p.m.