

Cascade Thornapple River Assoc

Annual Meeting Minutes April 21, 2011

Present Uecker, Mast, Trapp, Gill, Rissi (interim Sec. for Siedlecki.)

President S J Trapp Called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm in the Wisner Center.

Secretary Scott Rissi read the minutes of the 2010 meeting and members in the audience moved and approved to accept them as read.

Treasurer Andrew Gill discussed in detail the treasurer's report, explaining the current balance of \$17,524.00.

He mentioned to date we have 58 members for 2011

A member from the floor questioned why we do not have any CD's at this time;

Treasurer Gill explained the money was not invested so it could be accessed quickly in the event a project was adopted, such as river cleanup or a boat ramp.

President Trapp announced the new web site is www.cascadethornapple.org the old site name was lost to pirates (.com). She thanked Chuck Whitley for his efforts. She explained the township has approved the CTRA working with another association to lease a ramp for a weekend in the spring and fall but the CTRA has not found any one willing to do this with to date. If a partner was found another approval would be needed. The association has removed dredging from its plate and will focus on hazardous things from the channel being removed. The CTRA board will question the Ada Association to see how they have been accomplishing this.

The picnic date is set for July 30th 2011 location and details to follow.

Scott Rissi, Bill Uecker, Dave Lewis, Chuck Whitley where elected to a two year term ending in April 2013. Dave Lewis mentioned he may be able to recruit Vern Kinney for next year, Treasurer Gill said that would be a great fit.

A member asked if we dredge bayous can't we share the expenses with homeowners.

Secretary Rissi gave an update on the buoys and channel. Rissi questioned the crowd as to what 3 things they would like to see the board due in the coming year. 2 items that seemed to interest people the most were dredging/remove objects, increase membership.

Member Whitley announced he had found an 8' dingy. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm and the floor was handed over to Guest Speaker Bill McCarrel for discussion about the airport runoff into the river. Many people where interested in the topic and concerned over the possibility of the airport running a pipeline to the river directly instead of into Trout Creek. Secretary Rissi stopped Mr. McCarrel from speaking at 7:45 because the library was closing. Questions were asked and answered and Secretary Rissi asked Mr. Whitley and Mr. McCarrel to discuss putting a link on the CTRA site to Mr. McCarrel's content so everyone could have more time to review it.

Respectfully Submitted by Scott Rissi.

Approved by vote at Annual Meeting April 23 2012