

STORY COUNTY CONSERVATION *PARTNERS*

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Story County Conservation Center
56461 180th St., Ames

1. Jerry Keys called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	STAFF
Susan Siev	Jerry Keys
John Pohlman	
Christine Laumer	
3. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND HANDOUTS
No comments
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Spelling error corrected. The name of the food vendor in section 8.b. should read "The Mucky Duck." Minutes from the July 5, 2018 meeting approved with correction.
5. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
Current membership is 175. Started FY19 with 175 members. Lost 3 members and gained 3 new members. Laumer suggested SCC reach out to past members encouraging them to rejoin.
6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND UPDATES
Membership revenue for FY19 is \$5,030. That is 21% of our \$24,000 goal. \$20,000 and \$22,000 paid towards the Jordan and Carroll Prairie purchases, respectively. \$587.81 supported an Eagle Scout project for an invasive species awareness/boot brush station at Jordan.
7. September Carroll Prairie Tour
Ten people (including the three leaders) attended the tour on September 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Keys received several emails from *Partners* members who liked the ideas but could not attend.
8. October Fall Festival wrap-up
Fall Festival was Sunday, October 7 from 3 to 6 PM at McFarland Park. The band, Vinyl Vagabonds was great. The Mucky Duck Pub provided food vending during the festival. Unfortunately, the weather was cold and rainy causing the festival to be indoors. The Outdoor Alliance of Story County, ISU Extension-Story County, and the Ames Area Amateur Astronomers had booths at the festival. Seventy people attended.
9. Spring Festival Discussion
There will not be a Spring festival held May 2019. Spring and fall festivals have been the same weekends and times for over 20 years. The canoe volunteers have been complaining about the canoe lunch area, fishing has not been successful because of aquatic plants, and

now the Touch-A-Life Trail and dock are under construction. It is time to look at the purpose of the festivals and have an open discussion about what, where, and when for future festivals. The advisory committee created a list of groups to invite to these discussions.

10. Hickory Grove Park Tour

This spring there will be a tour of the Hickory Grove Lake improvement project for *Partners* members. A date will be set after work has begun.

11. Communications

Forty people have signed up through "Notify Me" on the counties website to receive the *Partners* advisory meeting agendas and minutes.

If you have suggestions for topics/information to include in the *Partners* update section of the *Prairie Horizons* newsletter let Jerry know.

12. Other

No other

13. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

2019

Thursday, January 3	6:30 PM	<i>Partners</i> Advisory meeting
Thursday, March 3	6:30 PM	<i>Partners</i> Advisory meeting
Thursday, May 2	6:30 PM	<i>Partners</i> Advisory meeting

ACTION:

No action items

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.