

Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 2nd, 2020: Paul-Lin Dairy, Bakersfield

Attendees: Cynthia Scott, Paul Stanley, John Little, Wendy Scott, Brian Jerose, Mike Manahan, Ellen Fox, Linda Stanley, Ranier Lucas, Meg Rossie, Jenevra Wetmore, and Lindsey Wight

- 1) **THANK YOU once again to Paul and Linda for hosting our annual BBQ. It is wonderful to spend time with you all in such a beautiful place! And thank you to everyone for your delicious-as-usual contributions. I'm always so impressed by the dishes that this group brings to potlucks!**
- 2) Meeting was called to order at **7:24pm after we enjoyed the food and the company.**
- 3) Review of June meeting minutes – **JL motions; PS seconds; all in favor.**
- 4) Administrative business
ECO AmeriCorps member 2020/2021 – **Ari Lattanzi, teacher, Middlebury grad, will be moving here from California.**
- 5) Outreach/Projects
Missisquoi Rocks!: **Ranier has created a facebook page, and has put out some painted rocks along the river. A fun “treasure hunt” way to get people observing and heading to the river.**
Bugworks Video: **Have created a video that introduces the idea. Will follow up with a video that has closer look into bugs; will also make downloadable/printable documents available on our website. No responses from summer programs so far.**
Scavenger Hunts: **Some chatter about these not being particularly successful. SAM did a virtual scavenger hunt – would be worth talking to them about the response/interest.**
- 6) Grants/projects update
Knotweed project: **Installed at Riverwalk Park AND will be installing some at Island View Park. Related: a group is trying to form and Orleans County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA). Lindsey sent around the draft document – is the Board willing to be a signing organization? WS motions; CS seconds; all in favor.**
Water Sampling: **Location-focused; partnership with landowners, using test strips to get a close picture of what's happening on their property. Lindsey applied for funding through the National Park Service to fund this. The Wright's are interested; others?**
Adopt-A-Site: **Also applied for this project under the NPS funds – and W&S is willing to help, too. Lindsey and Ellen are working up the details/kits.**
- 7) Events
Annual River Clean-Up – **July 18th still good for people. Limit to Board, not open invitation. North Troy up towards Big Falls? Meet at Couture's Maple Shop at 9am and we'll figure out the location based on water levels.**
- 8) Next meeting – August 6, 2020 – **MRBA office**
September 3, 2020 – **MRBA office**
October 1, 2020 – **MRBA office?**
- 9) Public comments: **Jenevra said that Kim Hagan reached out to her and is interested in knotweed grazing. Lindsey will connect.**
- 10) Meeting adjourned at **8:09pm.**