

Minutes - July 19, 2007

Present: Hans Noeldner, Lynne Diebel, Cliff Robson, Colleen Lorigan, Caroline Werner, Jane Sheffy and Suzanne Wade

The first half of the meeting was devoted to learning about watershed management from Pete Jopke, Dane County Watershed Project Management Coordinator. Watershed management includes knowing how development and agriculture affect water resources. Pete told us what he does as a coordinator and discussed what's involved in stream monitoring. He also gave us a brief overview of funding that may be available.

The second half of the evening was devoted to organizing our group with the continuing assistance of Suzanne Wade, UW Extension Rock River Basin Educator. Now that we know what we would like to accomplish in five years, we are setting up a structure to facilitate accomplishing those goals.

Friends of BFC PURPOSE: To educate ourselves and others about the Badfish Creek and to work in partnership to improve riparian habitat and water quality, and to encourage land use policies that protect the Creek.

We do this by:

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| --Holding educational programs | --Organize Creek tour (for members/for public) |
| --Conducting research studies | --Inventory watershed: springs, access points, riparian areas, NPS areas of concerns, sediment studies (for toxins)
--Stream monitoring |
| --Encouraging habitat restoration by landowners | --Learn about resources available for landowners
--Find willing landowners
--Facilitate connections between landowners and resources |
| --Holding work days for land improvement and invasive species control | --Notify members when DNR needs help with work days, organize work days |
| --Promoting environmentally friendly land use policies by local municipalities | --Notify members when land use decisions are being made that impact the Creek
--Learn about local municipalities' goals, concerns, visions, interests |
| --Developing action projects | |

Friends of BFC Organizational activities:

- Working toward incorporation
- Developing and maintaining a website
- Identifying sources of funding

The next tasks to be accomplished in formation of the group include:

- *Think about a Board (4 members; 3 T's)
- *Drafting a budget to determine financial needs.
- *Developing a time-line.

A small group has been meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:30 at the Firefly Coffeehouse in Oregon to strategize, plan for speakers, and just talk about how things are going. Anyone who wishes to come is welcome.