

## July 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

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At the board meeting were Gina Stuessy, Judi Duncan, Melissa Smith, Bob Schwalb, and Jim Arts. Sue & Megan let us know they would be absent. Hannah West, the ED, was also present at the meeting. The meeting was held on July 28, 2015.

Judi moved to approve June's minutes and Bob seconded.

The Financial Statements were reviewed.

Hannah gave the Director's Report:

Hannah said the newsletter is almost ready for printing.

There was considerable discussion regarding the venue for the Chili Cook-off, as well the date to hold the event. There was concern regarding the possible conflict with Packer games on Sunday dates and Badger games for Saturday dates. Hannah is going to check on the latest date availabilities for Masonic to see if there might be a date with no game conflicts. Hannah will also check with Dave Friedman regarding his rate for helping us with advertising the event if we decide to hold the event at the Masonic Temple.

Hannah brought up the possibility of having Alliance volunteers help with the Great Pumpkin Run in exchange for cash which would go to the Alliance. When we calculated the rate of "pay", we decided it wasn't worth it to us.

Hannah was not able to work on obtaining the director's and officers' insurance. She will make this a high priority in August.

Galina Anqud put in an application to be an ambassador for the Alliance. Judi moved to approve the nomination; Melissa seconded.

Hannah's priorities for August will be:

- Organizing the Chili Cook-off
- D&O Insurance
- Newsletter
- Case Statement

**Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf Conference** - Melissa gave a review of the conference which she said was a big success. Some t-shirts with the logo of the Alliance have been printed. Alliance literature was made available to conference attendees even though no Alliance representative was available to staff the table. For anyone interested in seeing video clips from the conference please go to YouTube and search for Friends of the Wisconsin Wolf.

**Monona Wildlife Resolution** - Melissa is working to pass an ordinance in Monona to protect wildlife after it was discovered that a resident of that town has been capturing and drowning squirrels and chipmunks. There currently is no ordinance protecting wildlife in Monona; therefore, residents can “control” wildlife anyway they see fit. Melissa has sent a draft wildlife protection resolution to an attorney to put the ordinance into proper legalese. She is working with Monona residents to collect petition signatures. She is also attempting to set up a meeting with the mayor of Monona and will try to introduce an ordinance to the city council.

**Project Proposal** - Gina introduced a proposal for the Alliance to table at the Well Expo. Partial funding will come from VegFund, but we would need to cover \$290. There were some questions as to the funds that board members had to work with and the process for voting on proposals. Gina suggested that we handle the process over email. No vote was taken at the meeting.

**Plan for ED's 1 year review** - Gina suggested the following plan for Hannah's 1 year review: Board members would submit comments on Hannah's performance over email prior to the August meeting. We will have a closed session portion of the August meeting to discuss these and determine a raise, if any, for Hannah. Gina will then meet with Hannah to go over the board's comments. The board accepted this plan, and Bob suggested that we also look at the 6-month review for reference (Gina will send that out).

**Child Policy** - Melissa heard from a couple of people who attended Atwood Fest that there were young children watching the Farm to Fridge video we were showing at the pay-per-view stations at the Alliance tent. Bob mentioned that during his shift that there were

children watching the video, but that the childrens' guardian gave us express permission to allow the children to watch. Gina will create a sign stating that the video has graphic images and that anyone under the age of 14 needs parental approval.

**Mad City Vegan Fest officially will be held at the Alliant Energy Center on June 18, 2016.**

**Check Signers - Gina suggested that Hannah, Charlie, Sue (if she wants to, will check with her), and Gina be the official Alliance check signers. Judi moved to approve; Jim seconded.**

**August Board Meeting - we will meet on Wednesday, August 26, 6:30-8:00 at the Alliance Conference Room at 122 State St.**

**There was some discussion about the possibility of establishing a Junior Board to help with fundraising.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.**