

Coon Creek Community Watershed Council (CCCWC)
May Meeting
Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center
Wednesday, May 3 2023
Eat & Greet! Food Served: 6:00 p.m. (Walking tacos & cookies!)
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order @7:00pm (Nancy Wedwick)
2. Marc's Fascinating Flashbacks
 - a. Marc shared that the latest edition of the Times/Broadcaster has a picture of the CCC camp and talks about tree planting over the years. He also shared a piece of history celebrating 50 years of the CCC, including a list of events and a reunion.
3. Secretary's Report
 - a. Maggie Traastad reported that the meeting minutes from the prior meetings will be printed and available for members at each meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Debbie Andre reported that the beginning balance of the checking account in April was \$573.64, There was deposits of \$72,975.00 and expenses of \$3,126.27. The ending balance is \$70,422.37, The large deposits were funds received from the Rural Partnership grant & the DNR grant.
 - i. Danika Wehling makes a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Orlan Bakkum seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Board Elections
 - a. Nancy Wedwick updated the membership that the CCCWC board voted to increase the number of board members from 9 to 11. Maggie Traastad reported that this is allowed per our bylaws - as we can have an odd number from 3-11 members. Eric Weninger asked for his name to be added to the ballot & Maggie Traastad nominated Matt Canter, and he accepted. The ballot has 5 nominations - Kevin Traastad, Zach King, Debbie Andre, Eric Weninger, & Matt Canter. The membership needs to vote for 5 positions. Bruce King made a motion to accept the ballot as presented. Glen Hoff seconded the motion. Motion passed. All 5 listed were elected to the board.
6. Updates
 - a. Caroline provided an update on the Oral Narrative project. She provided all present with a handout on the overall findings of the project - "mini-report". Nancy Wedwick presented appreciation certificates to the UW students in attendance for their work on the project.
 - b. Partnership conservation project with Coon Valley Conservation Club
 - i. Nancy Wedwick presented the idea of a project that the CCCWC could partner with the CVCC for conservation on land by the creek (gully fixes - erosion control). She asked the members present if they were okay with moving forward with the discussion to develop

- a project and an MOU. All in attendance were in support of moving forward with discussions.
- ii. Nick, NRCS, offered that there will be money available for projects like this in the next sign up period. If anyone is interested, please see Nick in the Viroqua NRCS office.
- c. DNR Grant Orientation
 - i. Nancy Wedwick shared the very recent article from Gillian on the dams on Coon Creek being decommissioned. There could possibly be significant changes to the way the water runs in our watershed. This upcoming change ties directly into developing our 9-element watershed plan that we received grant money from the DNR to develop. These discussions are going to start happening very soon!
- d. Events/Conferences
 - i. Cover Crop Bingo
 - 1. And the winners are....
 - a. Kevin & Maggie Traastad - \$50 dollar discount from Resilient Farm Solutions
 - b. Mark Levandoski - \$25 gift card from Vernon County L&W
 - c. Lorn Goede - \$25 gift card from Vernon County L&W
 - d. Alan Seelow - gift pack from VSN
 - ii. Coon Creek Conservation Day - May 6th, Coon Valley
 - iii. Stan Trimble visit in September - 90th Anniversary Celebration
- 7. New Business
 - a. Pasture walk at Matt Canter's farm in Cashton on June 13th. Organic Valley is hosting.
- 8. Next Meeting date and location - Wednesday, June 7, 2023 @ Hundt farm in La Crosse County - More details to follow
- 9. Presentation - Lori Dubczak, Streambank Restoration @ Norskedalen
 - a. We are back to see the progress of the streambank restoration project at Norskedalen. Our CCCWC meeting was here a year ago when they were in the middle of the project. Lori will show us the progress and give an update on the impact of the restoration.