

**Friends of the Maple River
Minutes of January 16, 2013
Pewamo, Mi. St. Joseph Parish**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Morrison Welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Morrison welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Tom Cooley from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources spoke about Deer diseases along with other mammals.

AGENDA REVIEW, REVISIONS AND ADOPTION

Mr. Mikula moved to approve the agenda.
Mr. Latoff supported the motion

SECRETARIES REPORT

B. Valentine provided the minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2012.

Mr.Latoff moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012th. Mr.Platner supported

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Platner reported a balance of \$542.60.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A recruitment person will attend the next meeting in Ovid

Possible change in membership rates was discussed

CURRENT PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

River Guide Books:

- The guide books are our only fundraiser right now.

April 2013 River Clean-Up/Log Jam

Removal:

- Is planned for April 6, 2013 with an alternate date of April 13, 2013
- There are 3 different projects that attendees can choose from:
 1. Log jam removal
 2. Float the river and pick up trash
 3. Pick up trash along bridge crossings and boat launches

Log Jam Work Day on West End of River:

- A day needs to be scheduled to remove log jams between Hubbardston Road and Muir.

Maple River Implementation Grant:

Ms. Filice had no new info to report

Maple River State Game Area Invasive Species

Mr. Morrison is looking for Volunteers for a date to be chosen .Those interested should contact Morrison.

QUIET WATER SYMPOSIUM

The event will be held on March 2, 2013.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Mr. Valentine has updated the website. The Facebook page has been updated as well by Ms. Filice

Please direct any and all modifications to the minutes to info@friendsofthemapleriver.org.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klarich moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Latoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on TBD in Ovid.