

**Friends of the Maple River  
Minutes of March 20, 2013  
Ovid Township Hall, Ovid, Mi**

Jon Morrison – President  
Ed Mikula – Vice President  
Brian Valentine – Secretary  
Duane Platner-Treasurer  
Jack Nutter – Watershed Improvement  
Committee Chair  
Paige Filice  
Joe Latoff  
Chuck Klarich  
David Zmikly  
Ken and Pat White  
Jo Latimore  
Jeff VanVleet  
Gary Boering  
Lyle Burns  
Rob Zbiciak  
Chris Mikenz  
Kristyn Blackmir  
Lynn Ferguson  
Bruce Valentine

**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**

Jo Latimore, Ph.d. Aquatic Ecologist and Outreach Specialist, Michigan State University- Department of Fisheries and Wildlife led a discussion on how to build our organization.

**SECRETARIES REPORT**

B. Valentine provided the minutes from the meeting of January 16, 2013

Mr. Valentine moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013. Jon Morrison supported

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Platner reported a balance of \$703.63.

**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 6, 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

**Maple River State Game Area Invasive Species**

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

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

Please direct any and all modifications to the minutes to [info@friendsofthemapleriver.org](mailto:info@friendsofthemapleriver.org).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

A board meeting will be held April 17, 2013 at a place TBD