

**Friends of the Refuge Headwaters  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2009**

In attendance: John Carrier, Bev Spande, Eric Nelson, Richie Swanson (Mississippi River Revival), Mary Stefanski (District Manager)

The meeting was started at 7:00 pm at the Winona District office.

There were not enough members present for a quorum so items were received and discussed.

The minutes of the July meeting were received.

The Treasurer's report was given by John; \$1335 in checking, \$1575 in the CD which will mature in December.

Richie Swanson asked for assistance from the Friends for the September 19 Pool 6 cleanup being sponsored by the Mississippi River Revival (MRR). The cleanup begins officially at 10:00 a.m. although people begin arriving at 9:00. Boats, food to share and bodies are in greatest need. The cleanup is often done around 2:00 although you can leave whenever you need. There will be lunch and music. Meet at latch island beach and bring a life jacket if you have one. Richie asked if the Friends could write a letter to the editor regarding helping with the cleanup to help get the word out. He also requested that the Friends have an educational booth perhaps the fishing line recycling program could be highlighted.

John has been working on the fishing line recycling containers. He received quotes for stickers that were more than the budget (\$300) he was allotted so he ordered pre-made stickers from the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program for \$90 for 20 sets of stickers. He also talked with the Winona Parks and was given permission to place recycling containers at any City areas. They also requested that containers be put around Lake Winona.

Todd Paddock did sent a statement letter to the Rural Utility Services concerning the CapX2020 proposal to cross the refuge with a 345 volt power line and poles. We need a copy of the letter for the official Friends record.

Cortney White who works for the refuge put together a draft of the Friends 501(c)3 application. The application needs review and the narrative section needs to be expanded. Eric Nelson volunteered to work on the narrative section. Eric will try and get the writing done in time to provide a copy to members prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Next meeting September 9, 7:00 p.m.