



*An alliance of the Black River  
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Board Meeting  
Geneva Twp. Hall  
Wed. Feb 14, 2018 6:00 p.m.

### Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Present: Haight, Pierman, Foerster, Boone, VandenBosch, Nesbitt.
2. Motion (Foerster, support by VandenBosch) passed to approve Minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
3. General discussion re: announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
  - Feb 22-BCCD annual meeting at Love Creek Nature Center
  - Mar 6- Great Lakes Conference MSU
  - Mar 14- TRC meeting
  - Mar 20- VBCD Volunteer Appreciation Night
  - May 6- Spring macro collection (VSMP) on Sunday; I.D. on Monday
  - June 14 PPR paddle and Pint Night
  - Nov 14- TRC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
4. Nesbitt submitted Treasurer's Report for 2017. Total receipts of \$1,811 and total disbursements of \$1,539. Motion (Foerster, support by VandenBosch) passed to accept 2017 Treasurer's report.
5. Old Business:
  - A] TRC Rack card. Motion (VandenBosch, support by Boone) passed to authorize Pierman to purchase 2,000 rack cards for \$338 from Portage Printing.
  - B] General discussion and agreement to partner with Sierra Club in sponsoring speaking event in VB County.
  - C] General discussion and agreement to move monthly meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday beginning in April.
  - D] General discussion re fact that VoPP permit to drawdown Maple Lake was upheld on appeal.
  - E] Nesbitt reported on recent developments re repair of Briggs Pond Dam.
6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants
  - A] TRC domain name expense. Motion (Pierman, support by VandenBosch) passed to reimburse Foerster for domain name expense of \$70.68.
  - B] Non grant projects:
    - VSMP, PPRWT, E. coli monitoring
    - PPRWT- General discussion re ongoing series of meetings w/ municipalities. Haight and Nesbitt planning to organize series of community paddles involving trailhead towns.
    - E. coli monitoring- 2017 data sent to VB Health Dept. and City of S. Haven. Discussion of meeting with S. Haven Public Works director. Haight agreed to follow up with Freshwater Future re grant possibility.
  - C] Events:
    - River clean-ups. Discussion of fact that VBCD wants to hold River Rescue event (boats only) with TRC supplying some leaders for different river segments. Likely to be held on Saturday Aug 4.
  - D] Speakers:
    - AJ Brucks to speak on VSMP data, possibly in June/July; Ryan Postema of COL agreed to speak on date TBD.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



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