

## **Friends of Lower Muskingum River Monthly News Roundup October 9, 2013**

The following is a slightly shortened version of this month's board meeting minutes, provided to the FLMR membership to keep you up to date with what is going on in FLMR.

In attendance were board members Marilyn Ortt, Katy Lustofin, Elin Jones, John Lee, Quincy Robe and Doug Albaugh; and watershed coordinator Jesse Daubert and Young Leaders student Luke Badaczewski.

**Membership Report:** Quincy has received 3 more renewals which makes a 60% return for the last mailing. We now have 91 paid memberships.

### **Watershed Coordinator Report:**

Jesse presented a program at the Marietta Middle School Outdoor Science Days, Sept. 19-20. The aerial image tour of the Lower Muskingum is now on the photo archives page of our website, and Jesse also posted a photo album on Facebook.

Jesse met with Randall Ferguson, the Environmental Health and Safety person at PDC Energy, on October 2. The new person in that position will be Tony Long, who will be a good connection for us.

Jesse will attend and make a presentation at the Ohio Mineland Partnership fall conference on October 15.

We now have 355 Facebook fans, which is an increase of 11 from last month.

### **Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Projects:**

Luke Chute/Cabin Run – Dave Blount will be moving away from Luke Chute and will not be taking care of the trails after the end of this season. Doug can take care of the area around the picnic shelter and chestnut grove, but we need ideas about taking care of the walking trails.

Marilyn reported that trees are available from ACCT, along with up to \$1,000 for site preparation, planting, and tree protection. She will request a dozen or so for the area west and north of the chestnut grove, as well as some for the Beiser Field Station and another area.

On October 24, Tom Evans of URS Corp. will convene a meeting at Luke Chute, to which he is inviting representatives of a number of agencies that might be able to help with funding for a riverbank stabilization project to control the rapid shoreline erosion at our Conservation Area.

Dana Island – John reported continuing work to kill invasive species.

Devol Run – Jesse reported that ODNR has put up a fence, cutting off access to the property.

### **Old Business:**

Marcum Conservation Easement – Marilyn drove around the property, and will continue to do so monthly. The house is vacant and appears to have been vacant since Eleanor Marcum moved to a nursing home several years ago. Marilyn observed no sign of activity on the property. In answer to questions about the buyers, Marilyn said the first buyer was an oil/gas investment company, which then sold it to a land development company.

Asian Carp – the Muskingum River is being tested for Asian Carp DNA.

**New Business:**

Membership Committee – Luke will work under Quincy's guidance.

FLMR Legacy Club? – Marilyn suggested that we should advertise a program for planned giving and estate planning, as many other organizations do.

Election of Officers – Elin presented the slate of nominees: President, Marilyn; VP, Katy; Treasurer, Susan; and Secretary, Doug. Quincy moved and John seconded that the entire slate be accepted. Motion was approved unanimously.

Election of Board Members – it was suggested that this be handled by email, to give as many members as possible an opportunity to vote.

**Future Dates:**

Make a Difference Day at Marietta College, October 26, will concentrate on parking lot cleanup.

FLMR Potluck Picnic – Thursday October 24 at 6:00 p.m., Luke Chute Conservation Area. Bring your own table service and beverage and a dish to share.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Albaugh, Secretary