**CWOC Advisory Committee NOTES June 24, 2013**

**Attendees:**

Teri Heyer Amy Kay Kerber (guest) Josh Leonard

Deb Robinson Megan Manhatton Faith Krogstad

Joan McKearnan Tim Chase Ginger Kopp

Recent volunteer work:

* During spring break conifer trees were planted, 30% survival (note sure I got this right)
* Having been doing garlic mustard pull, starting on burdock
* Note-Andy Rodriquez is no longer the volunteer coordinator, has taken another position with the city
* Next volunteer reporting period will be for March to November

NOTE-the En. Trust Fund grant has been extended to June 2014 but expect much of the work to be done by this fall.

QUESTION TO Amy Kay Kerber (MN DNR school forest coordinator)-have you been getting the needed School Forest reports from Crossroads and Great River-yes. NOTE Great River adding K-6 to school

Most of the meeting was spent discussion the development of the field guide through the MN Historical Society grant.

Natural Resources field guide

* There will be 25-30 posts, entryway by the fireplace.
* Each “classroom” will be numbered 1 to ….
* The transitional woodland may focus more on individual trees, as there is more of an mix here, some non native.
* Are QR codes still a possibility? Yes, remember we are not printing yet with this phase of the grant.
* Wetland sections-may want to connect the CRWD to see about their plans for the area, but road changes are still an imp factor and do not know when this will happen.
* Wetland area—good place to emphasize abiotic factors such as soils, geography, temp
* Pine area-with new planting perhaps mention climate change how trees can absorb co2.
* Tall grass prairie-also absorbs carbon, talk about human involvement in restoration
* Tree plaqus?-Madeline wanted to do as a Girl Scout project-status? Faith-have not heard from her in awhile.
* 20 plaques were done by Joans class
* Comment-adding artwork to posts may deter vandalism
* Joan working on a common bird list-winter birds and breeding birds