

Unapproved Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association Annual Meeting
April 23, 2014

Attendance: Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Harmony Dressler, Betty Harmison, Glory Houck, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, David O'Brien, Kris O'Brien, Andy Swaim, Susan Taylor, Bob Wurster

Kate Lehman, board President, welcomed everyone to the third annual meeting of the WSWA. The minutes from the 2013 annual meeting were reviewed and approved.

Kate announced that a Town of Bath Tree Planting sponsored by WSWA, Streetscapes and the Town of Bath was scheduled for April 29 at 9:00. Kate also welcomed Harmony Dressler, a Public Information Specialist from WV DEP, as the new education coordinator for our area.

Kate gave her President's Report on activities for WSWA during 2013. The highlights included our stream monitoring activities, which lead to the discovery of unusual levels of suspended sediments in the stream at Airport Road. The resulting investigation discovered the cause to be a discharge from the settling pools at US Silica. We continued our efforts to eradicate purple loosestrife and participated in the annual Make-It-Shine program. WSWA was awarded three grants in 2013, including a NFWF grant to install various green stormwater best practices in Greenway Cemetery, a Stream Partners grant to plant a riparian buffer on two private properties along Rt. 522, and a grant from the Easter WV Community Foundation to create kiosks in the Widmyer wetlands for educating the public on the benefits of wetlands. For more details, see the attached President's Report.

Susan Jones presented the minutes from the 2013 annual meeting. Larry Lower moved and Susan Taylor seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved.

Andy Swaim presented the Treasurer's Report and 2014 Budget, which showed a total of \$17,204.91. Andy did note that since the report had been written, two credits and one debit had been received. They include the Stream Partners credit for \$4,315.00 and member dues of \$40.00. The one debit was for the Morgan Messenger for \$15.00. That made a total, as of 4/23/14, of \$16,695.05. For details of the Treasurer's Report and 2014 Budget see attachment for details. (Note: while the attachment says "proposed," the Board of Directors approved the budget at the March meeting.)

Rebecca MacLeod reported on the actions of the Membership Committee to begin a Business Campaign to help solicit new members and to encourage the participation of local business in a campaign to keep Warm Springs Run clean. A vote was held to help the Board pick a name for the campaign. The two entries with the most votes were: Friends of Warm Springs Run and Warm Springs Business Allies. The Board will decide on the campaign name between these two candidates.

Finally, the following members were elected by acclamation to the board:

Jeff Hankey
Susan Jones
Tim Rowland
Bob Wurster

The meeting concluded with a presentation on Fracking in Morgan County by Brent Walls, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jones, WSWA Secretary