

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
July 23, 2014

Attendance: Board Members present were Norman Dean, Betty Harmison, Jeff Hankey, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, Tim Rowland, Andy Swaim, and Bob Wurster. Michael Brooks, webmaster, was also present.

Announcements and Reports

Kate presented a first draft of the Power Point presentation on the value of trees. At the Morgan County Fair this presentation will be alternated with a presentation on what the presence or absence of macroinvertebrates tells us about the well-being of a stream.

The **Cacapon Institute Report on Fecal Coliform Bacteria in Warm Springs Run** was presented. It was suggested that we make a report for the website using Google Maps to show areas of high fc concentration.

An email from **Dave Montali** (WVDEP) was shared giving information about the status of the TMDL process. It will be at least two years before a TMDL is established.

Kate noted that she has been asked to be one of three speakers at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on State Water Resources as part of Watershed Celebration Day.

Secretary's Report: The reimbursement to Kate for filing the Annual Report with the Secretary of State was for \$25.00, not 20.00 as stated in the July minutes. The spelling of Lin Dunham's name was corrected. Tyler Orr was present at the July meeting. Larry moved/Jeff seconded that the minutes be accepted as amended; the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: At the last meeting (6/25/2014) the balance in the CNB account was \$16690.63. In the past month there were three debits, all of which were presented at the last meeting. A bill of \$15.60 was paid to the Morgan Messenger; Kate was reimbursed \$25.00, the charge for filing the annual report with the Secretary of State. Cacapon Institute was paid \$1585.13 for their third and final invoice for fecal coliform bacteria monitoring in the Run. The balance in the CNB account as of this morning is \$15,064.90.

Andy also reported that there was \$1106.34 left in the 2013 Stream Partners grant. There is \$18.82 in the PayPal account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy presented three outstanding bills for approval. We have received an invoice from Mary Klotz for \$422.00 for the graphic design of the t-shirts. This expense is covered in the 2014 Stream Partners grant. Kate had been told that the invoice from Grimes Graphics for the t-shirts was \$400.00. This expense was paid for by \$300.00 in donations for this purpose earlier in the year; the Board had also allocated \$100.00 to the cost of shirts. Kate paid \$72.43 for field guides to be raffled off at the Fair. Susan reported that there will be a Messenger bill for printing the newsletter.

Program: There was general discussion of the Fair, including how to conduct the raffle. Jeff reported that although he had applied to DNR for a collecting permit more than a month ago the permit has not yet been granted so we will not be able to feature inhabitants from the Widmyer wetlands.

To Do: When Kate applies for the DNR permit required for stream monitoring, she will also apply for a more general collection permit so we can have inhabitants from the wetlands available for next year's Fair or other pertinent events.

Membership: Susan reported that the membership files have been updated since the Plant Fair, when many people became members of WSWA.

Publicity: Kate reported that the t-shirts are being printed and will be ready to pick up on Friday.

Stream Monitoring: Norman said that four sites have been monitored: Jimstown Road, Country Inn, Widmyer School, and the intersection of Winchester Grade and US 522. Across the board, scores are way down this year. One possible problem is low dissolved oxygen scores. Also, there is much more sediment than in past years.

To Do: Norman will write up short paragraph summarizing monitoring results for the website.

Webmaster Report: All of the information from the old site has been transferred to this one. Mike met with Tyler for a "final tutorial" before Tyler left for UVA. There was discussion of whether it's worth \$4.00 a month to use a version of the website that gives much more detailed information about how many people have been to the site, etc.

To Do: Jeff has the upgraded version of the website we are currently using. Mike and Jeff will meet so Mike can look at what information is available so as to determine if it's worth it for us to upgrade our account.

Unfinished business:

Kate reported that Doug Sensel is interested in having **trees planted** on the lot next to the one owned by Patti Ann Yost. Rebecca moved/Susan seconded that we ask to transfer unspent funds from the 2013 SP grant to the 2014 SP grant.

To Do: Kate will submit a revised budget that includes purchase of trees to plant on Doug Sensel's property.

New Business

Kate indicated that David Lillard, Special Projects Manager for the WV Rivers Coalition has agreed to lead WSWA members in a charette process to **design a new logo** for WSWA. Mary Klotz will also attend so she can sketch some of our ideas into images. We will use a Doodle poll to determine people's availability.

Purple loosestrife: To Do: Kate will schedule a time to meet.

Stream monitors discovered very **cloudy water at the Fairview Drive site**. Further investigation indicated that the water was also cloudy at Airport Road, but not at Sandmine Road. Kate contacted Brent Walls of Potomac Riverkeepers. An official from WVDEP has also been contacted.

Brent has written a letter to WVDEP protesting a permitting change being requested by US Silica. Rebecca moved/Norman seconded that Kate use Brent's letter as a model for a letter of protest from WSWA.

Other

Larry called people's attention to the front page article in the Morgan Messenger about a public workshop held by the Department of Highways on Thursday, July 31, seeking input on the reconstruction of Fairfax Street. Everyone is urged to attend.

Adjournment: At 6:40 Susan moved/Mike seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Next Meeting: We will next meet at 5:00 on Wednesday, August 27 @ the Extension Office.