

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
October 29, 2014

Attendance: Norman Dean, Betty Harmison, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Andy Swaim, Bob Wurster. *Other Persons in Attendance:* Jeff Iliff; Stan Oaks. *Excused Absences:* Larry Lower, Tim Rowland

Announcements and Reports

Courthouse Communications: In order to receive communications from the county on issues such as the spill into the Run, go to www.morgancountywv.gov. On the homepage there is a spot to sign up for email alerts and notifications; insert your name and email.

The Sleepy Creek Watershed Association's Annual Meeting will take place on December 9 at Board of Ed at 7:00-9:00. David Lillard of WV Rivers Coalition will speak.

Secretary's Report: It was noted that instead of reading "the Treasurer's Report was **filed** to audit," the minutes said it was "**files** to audit." Rebecca moved/Norman seconded that the Secretary's Report be accepted as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Andy reported that the balance in the WSWA's CNB account on September 24 was \$13,078.80. In the past month, there were no credits to our account and six debits:

- ◆ Reimbursement of \$449.07 to Kate for the trip to Charleston, WV for Watershed Celebration Day. Funds come from our amended 2013 Stream Partners grant and a scholarship from the WV Watershed Network.
- ◆ \$715.00 to Hopewell Manufacturing to pay for one kiosk for the Widmyer Wetlands project. Reimbursement will be made by the Two Rivers Giving Circle grant.
- ◆ \$127.00 to Tree Works for four yards of mulch used at the 2014 tree planting. These funds come from the 2014 SP grant.
- ◆ \$1461.55 to Clear Ridge nursery for 89 trees, part of the 2014 SP project.
- ◆ Reimbursement of \$331.55 to Stan Oaks that he charged for stakes for the tree planting project. Funds came from the 2014 SP grant.
- ◆ \$38.50 was paid to Earth Dog Café for the meals of board members and group leaders who attended the logo charrette. These funds come from the 2014 SP grant.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy reported that there are three outstanding bills to be considered.

- ◆ Reimbursement to Kate for snacks provided at the September 27th tree planning. Funds come from the 2014 SP grant.
- ◆ Reimbursement to Andy for the purchase of sacrete at Hunter's Hardware that was used to install the wetlands kiosks.
- ◆ Pay Mary Klotz \$50.00 for bookmarks passed out at the kiosk installation.

Susan moved/Betty seconded that the bills be paid. The vote was unanimous

Membership Committee: Susan reported that she had spoken to Suzy Lucas about the partnership between WSWA and the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District partnership to help local businesses become better stewards of the Run. Suzy requested that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) be established to clarify what WSWA wants EPCD to do. Rebecca has created a first draft of an agreement; this document is intentionally vague so as to allow EPCD to include items for which they will be responsible.

To Do: *Susan* will discuss the WSWA proposal with Suzy, who will then present it to the EPCD board. Once that input has been received, the WSWA board will review the amended MoU.

Publicity: There was discussion of other public places where the framed kiosk prints can be displayed. Some of the places suggested were the courthouse, the library, Berkeley Springs High School, Widmyer Elementary School, and Cacapon State Park.

To Do: *Andy* will check with the Ice House to see if they are interested in displaying the prints.

Stream Monitoring: Norman stated that he is trying to update WSWA material displayed on the Volunteer Assessment Database at the Save Our Streams website. It was suggested that we include the SOS link on our website for people who want complete information on stream monitoring results. Norman also gave an analysis of an improved method for doing pebble counts. There was discussion about follow-up monitoring of the areas affected by the gasoline spill that took place in 2012. It was decided we can wait until Spring to monitor these areas.

Webmaster Report: Michael was out of town, but did report that there was an increased number of hits up during time of fuel oil spill.

Unfinished Business: Kate reported that Cacapon Institute has been doing ongoing monitoring to determine if there is a constant presence of fecal coliform bacteria in the section of the Run between the high school and the Country Inn. At this point there are no conclusive results. Kate noted that appropriate follow-up testing may cost more than is included in the revised 2014 Stream Partners grant. Rebecca moved/Norman seconded that WSWA will cover any costs not included in the SP grant. Kate will keep the board apprised as to what those costs will be.

There was considerable discussion about the first draft logos provided by Mary Klotz. Although this possibility was not suggested at our charrette, there was agreement that we'd like a "totem animal" for our logo. It was finally agreed to ask Mary to incorporate an eastern tree frog into a new logo; the eastern tree frog is indigenous to this area and is found in the watershed,.

There was consensus that we want to create better bonds with businesses in the watershed and wider county before exploring options to protect the headwaters of the Run.

The tree planting paid for by our **2014 Stream Partners Grant** went well. There have been many comments from the general public about the improved appearance of the area where we

planted trees. Kate and Andy met with Alana to clarify several murky areas about unspent funds from the 2013 SP grant, as well as to discuss changes in the budget for this year's grant.

Kate has submitted a final report to the **Two Rivers Giving Circle** for expenses incurred for the creation and installation of educational kiosks in the Widmyer wetlands.

New Business

Kate reported on the heating oil spill into Warm Springs Run. Information about this event is the lead article in the Fall WSWA Newsletter.

Next Meeting: Rather than meet at our regularly scheduled time, which is the day before Thanksgiving (November 26), it was decided to combine the November and December meetings. We will meet on Wednesday, December 3 at Earth Dog; those who want dinner will meet at 5:00; the meeting will begin at 6:00.

Adjournment: At 7:22 Susan moved/Betty seconded that we adjourn. The vote was unanimous