

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
February 25, 2015

Attendance: Norman Dean, Betty Harmison, Jeff Hankey, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Tim Rowland, Andy Swaim, and Bob Wurster. **Others Present:** Jeff Iliff, Stan Oaks, Michael Brooks

Excused Absence: Larry Lower

Announcements and Reports

The Chesapeake Bay Day for Lobbying in Washington DC is scheduled for March 5. The Coalition for Clean Water is organizing a lobbying effort. Jeff Iliff will attend.

Susan will attend the March 26 **brainstorming session** held by the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District. She will make the WSWA presentation.

Secretary's Report

The Minutes were sent out and corrections were made prior to the meeting. Susan moved/Jeff H seconded that the corrected version be accepted as written. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

At the last meeting (1/28) the balance in our CNB account was \$9150.23. The following deposits have been made:

- The 2015 Stream Partners check for \$5000.00
- An \$80.00 donation from one of our members
- \$15.00 the sale of one t-shirt
- \$100.00 in dues
- \$125.00 Hotel/Motel tax disbursement for the quarter

There were six debits, all approved at the last meeting:

- \$9.80 to the Morgan Messenger for printing required to close the 2014 SP grant
- \$38.50 to Earth Dog to cover a check made out to them and lost in September
- \$58.00 to Kate as reimbursement for the Post Office box
- \$135.97 to Kate for hoses purchased as part of the 2014 Stream Partners grant
- \$125.00 to Kate as reimbursement for 5 posts purchased as part of the 2014 Stream Partners grant
- \$183.00 to Grimes Graphics for additional 24 t-shirts.

The balance in our account as of this morning was \$13,958.46.

The report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy reported that there are no outstanding bills to be paid at this time. A request for \$1000.00 was submitted to the Town of Bath Finance Committee, which determines how Hotel/Motel Tax funds will be distributed.

Program Committee: Kate inquired as to whether we need to obtain a permit to sell t-shirts and other items at the Master Gardener Plant Fair. The State has issued us a business license. It was determined that we do need to acquire a business license from the Town of Bath.

To Do: Kate will acquire a Town of Bath Business License

Jeff H will acquire a Collecting Permit from WVDNR in order to bring critters from the wetlands to the MG Fair

Membership Committee: Kate and Susan met with Suzy Lucas and Heather Ishman to go over the MoU. This is an ongoing effort.

Stream Monitoring Committee: Norman noted that we will want to get started as soon as feasible in the spring. We are looking into a more accurate protocol for doing better pebble counts, and have contacted Tim Craddock about conducting a workshop.

Webmaster: Michael reported that problems exist since Tyler Orr still has “ownership” of the account. Michael will continue his efforts to set up a meeting with Tyler to resolve this issue. There are also ongoing issues due to the type of website account we currently have. Bob moved/Jeff seconded that we allocate the \$6.00 a month that would allow us to subscribe to the next level of service. The vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business

It was decided that it would be best to try and coordinate various demonstration projects paid for by our 2015 Stream Partners Grant.

To Do: Rebecca, Bob, Brian, Kate will meet to go over the designs and plans available for the various projects. We will also determine requirements for contracting with outside agencies to do some of the work involved, as well as to determine if permits are needed, etc.

A tentative date March 4 at 3:00 was established for the ad hoc **Auditing Committee** to meet. That group will also create a preliminary budget to be presented first to members at the March meeting, and then to the total membership at the Annual Meeting.

Various speakers were considered for the **Annual Meeting**.

Our “**Pre Make it Shine**” Event” will take place on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00. Kate and Jeff will coordinate efforts to engage students in the project.

The **Make it Shine Clean-up** will take place on Monday, April 6 at 1:00 in the floodplain of the Sugar Hollow tributary, east of US Route 522.

To Do: Kate will seek permission from the landowner to clean this area. Since this area is downstream of two of the EPCD’s flood control dams, Kate will also inform them of our work to be done there. Finally, Kate will get info on what to watch out for with a “meth lab in a bottle.”

Jeff Hankey will be honored at the **Volunteer Recognition Event** on April 25. Although Jeff will be out of town on that date, Jeff Iliff, who will attend the event as the SCWA nominee, will introduce our recipient.

To Do: Kate will write the article about why Jeff Hankey was chosen as our nominee of the year. **Andy** will buy a ticket for Jeff Iliff.

The Nominating Committee reported that **Jeff Iliff** will fill Susan Jones’ 2-year term. **Norman Dean** and **Larry Lower**, whose initial terms will expire, agree to take a second three-year term on the Board.

Susan Jones will contact DoH to determine what regulations are in place regarding placing identification signs at strategic locations on the Run.

There was no New Business to be taken up at this meeting

Other

Jeff Hankey shared what he’s learned about acquiring additional funds to test for fecal coliform bacteria in the Run. It was suggested that we approach the EPCD and the Warm Springs Public Service District for necessary funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at Earth Dog Café. Those wishing to eat before the meeting can meet at 5:00. The meeting officially starts at 6:00.