

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**May 27, 2015**

**Attendance:** Present: Norman Dean, Jeff Iliff, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Andy Swaim, Bob Wurster. Excused absences: Betty Harmison, Tim Rowland

**Announcements and Reports**

*Warm Springs Rail Trail:* Rebecca and Kate reported on the progress being made by the work group to establish the proposed trail that runs along Warm Springs Run. Tim Rowland has been working on a “one page paper” that will be used for public education as well as when applying for further grants. A proposal has been made that the trail be named the Warm Springs Trail since it parallels the Run for much of the proposed course.

*Watershed Celebration Day:* Andy and Kate will attend this event, which will be held at Hawks Nest State Park.

*Choose Clean Water Coalition:* At this two-day event, Jeff Iliff attended several workshops, including one on protecting drinking water quality and another one on using social media for social change. With the blessings of WV Coalition, Jeff is putting together a list of names and organizations willing to advocate for clean water at the state legislative level. Jeff will send out pertinent information to aid people who want to advocate for various programs.

**Secretary’s Report:** Hearing no changes or corrections, Larry moved/Norman seconded that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Andy reported that as of Annual Meeting, which was held on April 15, 2015, there was \$14,178.03 in our CNB checking account. Since then there has been one debit in the amount of \$499 to the company of Lainer and Benson for logo development. \$405.91 came out of carryover monies from the Green Business Initiative; the remainder was covered by a donation from a Board member.

Since April 15, there have been three deposits:

- \$25.00 for 2 renewed memberships and a \$5:00 donation made at the Annual Meeting
- \$442 from revenue generated at the Plant Fair.
- \$15.00 for the sale of one t-shirt since Plant Fair

As of today, the balance in the CNB account is \$14,256.03

The Treasurer’s Report was filed to audit.

**Committee Reports**

*The Finance Committee:* Andy gave a breakdown of funds (\$442) received at the Master Gardener Plant Fair:

- \$240 was received in dues. Twelve people renewed their membership, and 12 people became members for the first time
- \$90 was received in t-shirt sales
- \$24 was received in donations
- \$88 was raised through the sale of raffle tickets

The following bills have received:

- \$15 to the Morgan Messenger for the ad announcing the Annual Meeting
- \$92.34 to Kate for reimbursement to Kate for the purchase of the six field guides raffled off at the Plant Fair

Larry moved/Rebecca seconded that these bills be paid. The vote was unanimous.

The *Stream Monitoring Committee* reported on the preliminary results of the final monitoring done in the area affected by the 2012 gasoline spill. The area directly affected by the spill has recovered. However, the scores of the two control sites (one by Earth Dog Café and the second on the tributary adjacent Sheetz) have declined. Norman suggested retesting these two control sites this November.

*Webmaster Report:* Michael submitted a written report, noting that one t-shirt was sold from the website. Also, our Face Book page received a like from someone living in Taiwan.

### **New Business**

It was decided not to have a booth this year at the *Morgan County Fair*. The general consensus is that the results do not justify the effort.

Kate reported that *Jeff Hankey has resigned* from the Board. Rebecca nominated/Andy seconded that Michael Brooks be asked to serve as Jeff's replacement.

*The election of officers* was postponed until next meeting

*A goal-setting retreat* will be held on a Friday in the late fall/early winter. The goal is affirm major goals already established, and then to determine activities that will support these goals.

**Other:** It was proposed that WSWA and Rail Task Force jointly sponsor a hike on the proposed trail as well additional outings on the already established trails in the county.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015.