

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
July 22, 2015

Attendance: Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Betty Harmison, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Andy Swaim, Rebecca MacLeod, Bob Wurster

Excused Absence: Jeff Illif and Tim Rowland

Announcements and Reports

Kate reported that no culpable party has been determined in terms of the **paint spill into the Run**. Rite-Aid did arrange to have the area cleaned.

There is a **Comcast Training Session** at the Ice House on August 6 at 9:00AM.

The general consensus was that the **pebble count workshop** conducted by Glenn Nelson and Neil Gillies was excellent, providing better methods for measuring sediment in the Run.

Secretary's Report

Given that there were no corrections to June minutes, Rebecca moved/Mike seconded that they be accepted as written. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Andy reported that at the last meeting the balance in our CNB account was \$14,598.69. Since that time there was one debit and one credit.

- Andy was reimbursed \$169.78 for expenses incurred by attending Watershed Celebration Day. We received a \$200.00 scholarship for this purpose.
- There was a \$9.41 transfer of funds from PayPal for a 'test' of paypal donation.

As of this morning, the current balance in the account is \$14,438.32.

The treasurer's report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy reported that there are three outstanding bills:

- \$17.50 to the Morgan Messenger for printing the latest newsletter
- \$25.00 reimbursement to Kate for the expense associated with the annual filing fee with the Secretary of State's office
- \$681.73 to Campbell Risk Management for Directors and Officers Insurance

Betty moved/Norman seconded that these bills be paid; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Membership Committee: Mike reported that we currently have 53 members, and that there are 63 expired members. He proposed that we send out a letter asking people to renew their membership, offering the “special deal” of charging \$14.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year as well as for 2015-16. Bob moved/Andy seconded this proposal; the vote was unanimous.

Publicity Committee: Kate requested funds not in excess of \$150.00 for equipment that would allow us to film various WSWA events. Bob moved/Rebecca seconded this motion; the vote was unanimous.

To Do: Bob is going to find a tripod to be used for filming.

Stream Monitoring Committee: Norman reported the results from the monitoring done on the Winchester Grade tributary and the portion of the Run by Double T. While scores were generally good in the first site, there was virtually nothing at the second one. Mike reported that he has created a single page summary of site and monitoring data for the past 5 years to be posted on website; Norman and Jeff will analyze this material.

Webmasters Report: Tyler used the WSWA website in the process of doing work with the Face Book marketing group, resulting in 600 hits in one day. Mike has finished consolidating the two websites. He would like a photographic history of the Run for the website and requested that anyone with pictures share them with him.

Old Business

Kate passed out the two press releases on the **One Watershed** experience.

The **goal setting retreat** has been scheduled for Friday, November 20, with a snow date of December 4. We will have lunch, followed by the facilitated retreat.

Kate shared that she has approached the general manager of the Warm Springs Public Service District about the possibility of having a hike on a portion of the proposed Rail Trail. Scott Crunkleton is checking out insurance issues.

We will attack the remaining **purple loosestrife** along the banks of the Run on Friday, July 31.

To Do: Kate will seek permission from Nancy Largent to treat loosestrife on that property.

New Business

Kate proposed/Larry seconded that we make a donation of \$200.00 to Wind Dance Farm to help pay expenses for a field trip they are taking. The vote was unanimous.

Mike proposed that we request that WSWA be added to the list of watershed associations on the EPA website. There was consensus that this idea is a good one.

Other

Kate informed the Board of a CommuniTree grant WSWA has applied for to plant 25 trees on property owned by First United Methodist Church on Fearnow Road. (It was originally thought that the Town of Bath Tree Board was going to apply for this grant; however, given how far the site is out of town, the Tree Board asked WSWA to be the primary grantee.)

Larry gave a progress report on the green infrastructure study being done in the watershed by Thrasher Engineering.

Adjournment: Rebecca moved/Bob seconded that the meeting be adjourned; the vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26.