

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
February 24, 2016

Attendance: Board Members: Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Betty Lou Harmison, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, Tim Rowland, Andy Swaim, Bob Wurster.
Guest: Frank Rodgers

Announcements and Reports:

Kate has been invited to speak at the **International Water Tasting Celebration** about WSWA's efforts to install green stormwater BMPs.

WVDEP will present an update on **TMDL findings for the Run** at 6:30 on March 8 at Cacapon State Park.

Secretary's Report: Jeff moved/Larry seconded to accept the January 27 minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Andy reported that on January 27, 2016, there was \$8583.57 in our CNB account. Since that time there have been four credits:

- \$4920.00, the funds awarded under the 2016 Stream Partners grant;
- \$75.00 in members' dues;
- \$120.77 transferred from PayPal for member dues and contributions;
- \$125 from this quarter of the Town of Bath hotel/motel disbursement.

There was one debit:

- \$60 to USPS for the rental of our box.

This expenditure is a budget item, and was also presented for board approval at the January meeting.

As of the afternoon of February 24, 2016, there was \$13,764.34 in our CNB account.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy presented one bill for payment:

- Morgan Messenger for newsletters and poster \$69.50.

Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded that the bill be paid. The vote was unanimous.

Mike reported that within the next month, we will be billed \$160.00 to renew our subscription for the website.

Andy noted that an auditing committee must be convened in order to review the financial transactions and records of fiscal year 2015. Tim, Rebecca, and Mike volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Membership: Andy and Mike met before the meeting to compare their lists of how many paid memberships we currently have. It was agreed that 17 people are paid up for the current calendar year. Several people took advantage of the 3-year membership offer.

It was suggested that notice of our monthly meetings be listed in the *Morgan Messenger*. Mike will make arrangements to do that on a monthly basis.

Program: Kate reported that plans for the annual meeting are well underway. As required by our bylaws, a legal public notice of the annual meeting will be placed in the edition of the *Messenger* that comes out on March 16. There was consensus on having another raffle at the Master Gardener Plant Fair; Norman will explore possible books on various species native to this area.

Stream Monitoring: Norman reported that in 1996 members of the Blue Heron Environmental Network took three water samples in the area around the Country Inn. The scores from that time are more or less the same as now. Norman also noted that he recently classified invertebrates by their feeding functions as a method to indicate stream health. (For a more complete report on this subject, see attached files sent out with the minutes from the February meeting.)

Webmaster: Mike reported that we are still operating under assumption of “Build It and They Will Come.” Tim has contributed regular material to the blog. There was discussion about the possibility of moving back to the website previous used.

Unfinished Business

Andy reported that our **Hotel/Motel Tax Application** was submitted ahead of schedule.

There was consensus about picking up trash at Greenway Cemetery as part of the **Make-it-Shine** effort. We will meet at the cemetery on Monday, April 12 at 9:00. Kate will contact the advisor of the National Honor Society to determine if students are interested in helping.

Jeff reported that the so-called “**Poopy Project**” is coming along. He has investigated costs, which range between \$140 and \$200 apiece, as well as potential locations for the devices and who will clean them out on a regular basis.

Kate has been in touch with Nick Millet of the WV Division of Natural Resources about acquiring **Purple Loosetrife eating beetles**.

New Business

Our 2016 Stream Partners grant application stated specifically that we would work with WH Gordon re eventually installing a rain garden in Greenway Cemetery. Based on conversations with Frank Rodgers of Cacapon Institute, and Matt Pennington, of Region 9, Kate asked Alana if it is possible to consider having CI do the work. After checking with Jennifer Pauer, Alana said we are allowed to make this change as long as the board approves it. With this possibility in mind, Frank made a presentation on the work CI does in terms of rain gardens.

Rebecca moved/Betty seconded that CI submit a formal proposal and a budget so we will know the scope of the work involved. The vote was unanimous.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Betty reported that the following people have agreed to run for a three-year term on the board:

- Betty Lou Harmison
- Kate Lehman
- Rebecca MacLeod.

At 8:00, Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded that **the meeting be adjourned.**

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 23, starting at 6:00PM, and will be held at the Extension Office.