

Draft Amended Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association Annual Meeting
April 20, 2016

About 35 people came to the annual meeting this year, a better than usual turnout.

Attendance: Kate Lehman, Andy Swaim, Michael Brooks, Betty Harmison, Susan Jones, Larry Lower, Bob Wurster, Norman Dean and Jeff Ilif

Kate Lehman, board President, called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed everyone to the fifth annual meeting of the WSWA. Kate announced that stream monitoring will continue this year, and that a sign-up sheet was available for members to volunteer to help at the Plant Fair on May 6-7.

She introduced our speaker, Dr. Marie Majarov, who gave a captivating presentation about “Pollinators, Monarchs & Meadow Habitat: The Canary in the Cornfield”. The talk covered the declining population of Monarch Butterflies and the increasing lack of habitat territory along the migration routes. The importance of Milkweed in their survival is well documented. MonarchWatch.org is a good resource.

After the excellent presentation, Kate gave her President’s Report on activities of WSWA. Highlighted from 2015 were 7 major projects: At Greenway Cemetary, we completed a tree inventory (Communitree) in February and water diverters were installed (Stream Partners) in Dec; purple loosestrife control work continue, stream monitoring occurred at 8 sites, a paint spill was reported to us in July, and the Make-it-Shine cleanup and the One Watershed Project with video training for young students. We received an award at the WV Watershed Celebration Day.

Kate was invited to present at the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting in February.

For 2016, we will be involved with CommuniTree Planting, Rail Trail exposure, the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report in the Fall, Steam Partners work in Greenway Cemetary, the “Poopy Project”, Wildflower walks at Widmeyer, the Green Business Initiative, our long-term planning program and possible work with an Americorps Vista Volunteer,

She summarized the challenges to the watershed of impervious surfaces and more aggressive storm water run-off, fecal coliform contamination and generally deteriorating stream health as seen in our stream monitoring work over the years.

A copy of Kate’s report will be available on our website. Kate concluded by saying that WSWA was founded in 2008, became a 501c3 in 2012, and we have come a long way with our watershed.

Michael Brooks presented the minutes from the 2015 annual meeting. It was moved and seconded that these minutes be approved. They will be posted on the website.

Andy Swaim presented the Treasurer's Report and the 2016 Budget. Our balance as of the annual meeting was \$13,863.81. Andy had copies available of the 2015 income and expenditures and the 2016 budget totaling \$9,785. An audit committee (Tim Rowland, Michael Brooks and Gordon MacLeod) had reviewed the association's 2015 accounting figures on April 6 and found no issues.

Finally, the following members were re-elected to the board by acclamation:

Betty Harmison
Kate Lehman
Rebecca MacLeod

Five members renewed their memberships at the meeting, so our number now stands at 31. Cookies and Brownies were provided by Bob Wurster, Betty Harmison and Michael Brooks. The next Board Meeting will be held on May 25th at the Board of Education Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Brooks, WSWA Secretary