

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**June 22, 2016**

**Attendance: Board Members Present:** Betty Harrison; Jeff Iliff; Kate Lehman; Larry Lower; Rebecca MacLeod; Andy Swaim; Bob Wurster. **Excused Board Absences:** Michael Brooks; Norman Dean; Tim Rowland. **Guest:** Susan Jones

**Secretary's Report:** Andy moved/Betty seconded that the minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The vote to do so was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** At May 25 meeting, there was \$13931.66 in our CNB account. Since that time there have been three debits, all approved at the last meeting:

- \$73.00 to the Morgan Messenger for printing newsletters and fliers
- \$28.55 to Kerry Jackson in reimbursement for snacks for the CTree planting
- \$25.00 to Kate Lehman in reimbursement for the costs of filing WSWA with the Secretary of State

There has been one credit:

- \$125.00 from the Town of Bath Hotel/Motel Tax fund.

As of today, June 22, there is \$13930.11 in the CNB account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

**Advocacy Coordinator:** Jeff reported that he attended the annual Choose Clean Water Coalition conference in Annapolis. He participated in a breakout session on responding to the installation of a natural gas pipeline in the area. The best way to stay on top of what's going on is to find out what company is doing work, and buy one share of stock. There is a proposed pipeline installation in the Cherry Run area of Morgan County.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Susan** could feature an interview with Kris and Dave O'Brien, who have been strong advocates against the installation of a pipeline.
2. Andy moved that the Advocacy Committee take on proposed cuts to the WV Division of Forestry.
3. ***Next month vote to make the Advocacy position an official committee.***

**Finance:** There are no bills to be pre-approved this month.

**Membership:** No new members have joined since the last meeting.

**Stream Monitoring:** Two sites have been monitored recently. The findings from the Double-T site were very good; several sensitive species, including golden stoneflies, were found. The findings at the Widmyer site were much less good; there were many planeria, leeches, and worms, all indicators of a degraded stream.

Unfinished Business

Bob reported on picking up and releasing the **purple loosestrife-eating beetles**. He checked back a week or so after installing the beetles in the infected areas and saw evidence that they are doing their job.

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Bob** will write up an article for the next newsletter, which will be published at the end of August.

Kate gave an update on the potential summer intern who we interviewed last month. Mr. Smith will not be working with us.

The **knotweed on the banks of the Run by the track** has grown back.

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Bob** will spray the knotweed as soon as the weather permits.

Interest was expressed in the **Adopt-a-Highway program**.

ACTION ITEM:

1. Jeff will check to see if there is a segment in the watershed that's available and report back at the next meeting.

**Long-term Goals** were tabled *yet again*.

#### New Business

**Election of Officers:** Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded a motion to reelect Kate (President), Betty (Vice President), Andy (Treasurer) and Michael (Secretary). The vote was unanimous.

Rebecca moved/Larry seconded to reimburse Jeff for expenses incurred in attending the **Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference**, using funds from the travel and conference line item in the budget. The vote was unanimous.

Kate will approach leaders at Wesleyan Church and the Junior Order of Auto Mechanics, both on Harrison Avenue, to see if they are interested in planting trees on their properties. If so, we will apply for the **Fall CommuniTree Grant**.

Several potential projects were discussed for the 2017 Stream Partners Grant Application, including planting trees on the property behind Trump and Trump Law Offices, planting trees along Yellow Run on the property of Ellen Lachewitz and Rick Watson, and funding the pet waste stations.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Kate** will check with Charles Trump and Ellen and Rick to see if they are interested in having trees planted on their properties.
2. **Everyone** will keep their eyes open for potential sites for the pet waste stations.
3. Jeff will determine who will collect the waste.

There was a general discussion of how best to maintain trees we've planted over the years.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Kate** will ask Herb if there is a concise set of instructions that could be given to property owners to help them maintain trees planted there.
2. Dates were set for tree maintenance on the Daisy Abbott and Debbie Dhayer properties:

- a. On Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 8:00AM on the Debbie Dhayer property to remove trunk protectors, stake trees where necessary, etc.
- b. On Monday, July 11, we will meet at 8:00AM on the Daisy Abbot site to remove trunk guards, stakes, and see what other maintenance is necessary.

### Other

There was discussion of how construction of the new Tractor Supply Store might affect the Run. In general, we will try to keep an eye on what's going on, report anything that look suspicious. Later we will contact the company to see if there is more they can do to help protect the Run.

#### ACTION ITEM:

1. Check their website to determine if they declare themselves to be a "green" or sustainable company. (See statement of values on next page. There's nothing that identifies the company is directly "green" but there are values that we could argue are commitments to the environment.)

Susan gave a progress report on installing **signs at strategic locations to identify the Run**. Ken Clohan of the WV DoH reported that Charleston is not going to approve the installation of more signs of any kind. However, Alana has recommended that we approach private property owners on the Run to see if they are willing to have signs installed there.

ACTION ITEM: **Everyone** will look for potential locations where signs might be installed.

Adjournment: At 7:25 Larry moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, July 27, at 6:00 at the Extension Office.

## **Tractor Supply Co. Mission and Values**

**Ethics:** Do the "right thing" and always encourage others to do the right, honest and ethical things.

**Respect:** Treat others with the same personal and professional consideration we expect for ourselves.

**Balance:** Manage your time for both business and personal success.

**Winning Attitude:** Have a "can-do" attitude. Be positive, upbeat, and focused. We are winners!

**Communication:** Share information, ask questions, listen effectively, speak thoughtfully, and let ideas live.

**Development:** Learn from each other. Teach, coach, and listen. Create an environment where everyone can be a "star".

**Teamwork:** Value different viewpoints. Execute the agreed-upon plans. Together, everyone achieves more!

**Change:** Accept it. Embrace it. Initiate it. Do everything better, faster, and cheaper.

**Initiative:** Seek opportunities. Use good judgment. Take intelligent risks. Champion ideas.

**Accountability:** Know your responsibilities. Live up to your commitments.