

**Amended Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

Attendance: **Board Members in Attendance** Michael Brooks; Betty Harmison; Jeff Iliff; Kate Lehman; Rebecca MacLeod; Andy Swaim. **Excused Absences:** Norman Dean; Larry Lower; Tim Rowland; Bob Wurster. **Guests:** Kat Cooper, from the Cacapon Institute, and Stan Oaks.

Announcements and Reports: Jeff reported on an opportunity sponsored by the WV Rivers Coalition on Thursday, December 15, starting at 4:30 at the Ambrae House. Charles Trump and Daryl Cowles have been invited, as have representatives from the Cacapon Institute, the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, and the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association. This is an opportunity to share our concerns with our local lawmakers, as well as to hear their perspective on upcoming issues.

Secretary's Report: Michael reported that he corrected two small typographical errors in the draft minutes of the October meeting. Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded to file the minutes as corrected; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: As of our October 26, 2016 meeting, the balance in our CNB account was \$13,187.32. Andy noted that the \$5000.00 check written to GHS on October 20 had not yet cleared as of that time; those funds came out of the 2016 Stream Partners grant. Since the last meeting, we have had the following debits:

- \$5000.00 to GHS;
- \$509 to Brews Custom Awards (Carla Hardy memorial plaque).

Andy presented the following deposits since the last meeting:

- \$200 in scholarship funds from Watershed Celebration Day
- \$100 from Watershed Celebration Day (Green Water Award);
- \$120 for individual donations to the Carla Hardy memorial plaque;
- \$200 donation from the Town of Bath Cemetery Management and Maintenance Corporation as a donation for the 2016 Stream Partners project;
- \$100 from the Town of Bath as part of the Hotel/Motel Tax Disbursement;
- \$310 in donations from various organizations to the Carla Hardy memorial plaque.

As of today, December 14, the balance in our account is \$8517.00

### Committee Reports

**Finance Committee:** Andy presented the following bills to be paid:

- \$24.75 to Kate for the purchase of chemicals for our stream monitoring kit;
- \$120 to the Town of Bath Tree Board to pay for trees they ordered on our behalf as part of the 2016 Stream Partners grant, thus saving us the cost of shipping and handling;
- \$106.00 to the Sydney and Sophia Hardy Educational Fund.

Michael moved/Betty seconded that Andy pay those bills.

Andy reported that we collected more money for the Carla Hardy memorial plaque than was needed. Based upon a suggestion by Gale Foulds, one of the donors to the plaque, Rebecca moved/Betty seconded that we donate the remaining money to an educational fund for Carla's daughters; the vote to do so was unanimous.

**Advocacy:** Jeff has provided a draft letter to WV's Senators asking them to block the nomination of Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State, and Scott Pruitt as Environmental Protection Agency Administrator.

**Membership:** Michael reported that we have 34 members in total whose dues are current; 15 of those members will need to renew their dues after January 1, 2017; 19 of those members have subscribed through 2018. There are 96 lapsed members. Renewal emails and letters will be sent soon.

**Program:** Kate stated that she has asked the speaker at last year's Annual Meeting to recommend persons who can make a presentation on rain gardens at this year's meeting. There was discussion on various locations for the meeting, with an emphasis on looking for a venue that doesn't charge.

**Stream Monitoring:** Stan Oaks has applied for a collection permit. Future stream monitoring workshops may be done through our Save Our Streams Coordinator rather than Tim Craddock.

**Webmaster:** Michael reported that Jeff and Bob have volunteered to post items when on our website and Facebook page he is out of town. Mike also noted that more people look at our FB page than at our website. There was some discussion as to what is appropriate to post there.

### Unfinished Business

Tim Craddock emailed that future workshops might focus more on storm water management and other BMP's, with emphasis on erosion and sediment control, rather than stream monitoring practice. Discussion on **future stream monitoring workshops** was tables.

It does not appear that there is a source where we can buy **purple loosestrife eating beetles**. We have informed Nick Millet of Fish and Wildlife that we'd like additional beetles in the late spring.

Kate reported that Gerry Crispino of the WV DEP has collected the **tires dumped at Jimstown Road**. He has also been informed about the **illegal dump** just south of Earth Dog Café. It was recommended that we write a thank you note to Gerry, and that we let his boss know how responsive and effective Gerry's efforts in this area are.

Andy reported that we have completed the necessary **tree maintenance** on all the trees we have planted over the years. While ongoing maintenance is necessary, in the future the task will not be as demanding as it was this year. Cages left at the Daisy/Debbis property need to be picked up.

Rebecca, Bob and Kate attended a meeting with Scott Merki, Town of Bath Mayor, and Terry Largent, Chief Water Operator of the Berkeley Springs Water Works about a potential project for a **2016 Source Water Protection grant opportunity**. They decided to apply for a grant for equipment that will sense a 'spill' and shut down the intake valve of the water works.

Kate reported that the **2016 Stream Partners Grant Report** has been completed and is ready to be filed once a notary has documented that the primary officer of the WSWA attests to the accuracy of the financial figures in the report. Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded that based on the Board's examination of the *income* and *expenses* associated with the grant, it was determined that the figures reported are accurate; the vote to approve this motion was unanimous.

Kate reported that she has contacted the science teachers at Warm Springs Middle School about potential candidates for the **2017 Stream Scholars Program**. Also, when Kate made a presentation

to 7<sup>th</sup> graders about the value of trees, she handed out Cacapon Institute brochures. It was mentioned that we should create new brochures for ourselves.

### New Business

We have received a **2017 Stream Partners Grant**. We can purchase and install three pet waste stations at any point after we have received the check, which should be in January. Planned locations are the State Park Gazebo, The Rag Shop and the Water Department. The locations are near trash collection barrels that are emptied by the town.

We will purchase and plant trees on the properties of Trump & Trump and Ellen Lachewitz and Rick Watson in the Fall.

Susan Trump has begun the process of organizing the community for participation in **Morgan County Day**, which will be held in Charleston in February. This is a good opportunity to speak to state lawmakers about issues of concern. The organization meeting will be Dec 20 at Trump and Trump.

Larry Lower and Tim Rowland are both resigning from the board as April 2017. Kate asked people to start thinking of names to be recommended to the **Nominating Committee**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

The **next meeting** will be held at the Extension Office on **January 25, starting at 6:00**.