

**Minutes
WSWA Board Meeting
December 13, 2017**

Attendance: **Board Members:** Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Stan Oaks, Andy Swaim, and Bob Wurster. **Excused Absences:** Betty Harmison and Brian McCann. **Guest:** Zach Norris of Cacapon Institute

The meeting was held at the Cacapon Institute in Great Cacapon.

Announcements: Andy noted that we have received a \$500 grant from Two Rivers Giving Circle in honor of Betty Harmison. Betty was that organization's Conservationist/Preservationist of the Year. Kate will do a press release in *The Morgan Messenger*.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes from the October meeting were accepted as written by common consent.

Treasurer's Report: Andy noted that since our last meeting, there were no debits, no bills, and one credit. The credit was the \$500 awarded to us by the Two Rivers Giving Circle. As of this morning, December 13, CNB states that there is \$16807.36 in our account. Andy's records show ten cents less in our account; he will determine which figure is correct. The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy reported that there are no bills to present tonight. We have received our annual invitation from the Extension Office to participate in the Master Gardener Plant Fair on May 11 and 12.

Advocacy: Jeff has sent out letters regarding the move to reduce the size of various National Monuments as well as in protest of cuts to EPA funding.

Membership: Michael noted that we currently have 39 members. He is currently working on the end-of-year membership appeal letter. It was agreed by common consent that if people pay for a 3-year membership, they get a free t-shirt.

By common consent the board issued a **Proclamation**, which states:

In gratitude for all the years of service to the community and her dedication to the Warm Springs Watershed Association, Betty Harmison is now recognized as a lifetime member.

A card was sent to Betty thanking her for her invaluable contribution to the watershed association and larger community.

Publicity: Rebecca will redo the brochure.

Stream Monitoring: Alana sent an email wondering if we have the wrong latitude/longitude on the Double T location. Norman checked it out on maps, and thinks what we reported is correct.

To Do: Stan will double check latitude and longitude using his phone.

Webmaster: Michael reported that nothing much is going on at this point. It was determined by common consent that from now on we will post the accepted minutes on website. After they've been approved, minutes are legal documents.

Unfinished Business

Pet Waste Stations have been installed at the Ice House and at the new Sheetz. We need to get one of the pet waste stations to Gordon MacLeod to be installed at North Berkeley Park. Rodney Steiner, department head of Public Works for the Town of Bath, feels that there's no need for one at Biser Street.

To Do: Kate: reach out to the Board of Ed/Erich May to see about having one installed at the school. **Jeff** will reach out to McDonald's.

Jeff was given permission to purchase additional bags.

A meeting will be held on February 7 to discuss **green best management practices for reducing flooding** in the Town of Bath.

It was decided to hold a "Ribbon-Cutting" ceremony to recognize the various green BMPs installed in the new section of Greenway Cemetery.

To Do: Kate will extend an invitation to personnel at NF&WF.

Kate will write a **note to thank you to Commissioner Ford** for his expressions of concern for the well-being of the Run regarding the recent spill of home heating oil into the Run.

New Business

If possible we would like to have our **2018 Stream Partners** grant project completed by the time we hold the ribbon cutting.

There was discussion about the role of WSWA as a board (as opposed to the role of private individuals who are WSWA members) in terms of the **1/9/18 WVDEP Hearing on Pipeline at BS High School**. There was consensus that we can encourage members to participate if interested, and to weigh in as a Board where it is clear that the well being of the Run is threatened by the proposed pipeline.

In discussions between Rebecca and The Town of Bath Mayor Scott Merki, the mayor has agreed to having Rebecca set up a meeting with town, watershed and sand mine personnel.

Zach Norris shared information on work done by Cacapon Institute to determine the percentage of tree canopy on every parcel of land in the Warm Springs Run watershed. This information can be used to prioritize where to plant trees.

The meeting **was adjourned** at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, beginning at 6:00PM. Jeff has offered his house as the location.