

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting
Morgan County Extension Office
July 25, 2018

Attendance: Kate, Andy, Norman, Jeff, Betty, Mike, Stan, Rebecca. Excused: Holly, Bob. Guests: Zach, Susan Jones, Gus

Announcements and Reports

Installation of Purple Loosestrife Eating Beetles.

Mike picked up 14 purple loosestrife netted potted plants with beetles from Hannah Lieberman in Burlington, WV (approximately half way from the US Fish and Wildlife office in Elkins) on July 12. Mike and Kate put 4 around the pond behind Rankins and 10 at the Mt Moss location.

Free Cacapon Institute River Float on September 8, 2018, from 9:00AM-4:00PM. Check CI website for more information (<http://cacaponinstitute.org/>)

When Trees Were Old; is the title of the PVAS talk to be given on Sept 19 at the Board of Ed. Location.

- We have been asked to participate in a short film to be presented at WCD on October 27th: “To assist us in making the film, please let me know if you have any special dates/events lined up for this summer that our videographer and producer, Mike Huff, could attend.” The board agreed that a video documentation of the huglekulture installation would be ideal (See below). Also, older footage from an Ice House video project with students might be located and used.

Secretary’s Report

The June minutes were accepted as is by common consent.

Treasurer’s Report

There are two debits: \$26 to Kate for filing of the annual report to the WV Sec of State, and \$280 for Jeff's expenses at the Choose Clean Water conference. The current balance is \$19,993.57. The report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

There are two bills: \$670 for E&O insurance, and \$8.80 for postage to return purple loosestrife beetle nets to US Fish & Wildlife in Elkins.

Advocacy

“WV Rivers’ friends are invited to attend a pubic meeting about restoration efforts in West Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay watershed. The meeting will be held on July 30 from 6–7pm at the Berkeley County Council Chambers (400 West Stephen Street in Martinsburg)

Membership Report

We have 50 members.

Program Committee

At the Morgan County Expo on Friday, Aug 24 10am at the Senior Center, the Master Gardener Gardenside Chat topoiic will be “Butterflies and the Impact of Natives, Aliens and Weeds.” The following

day, at 10 am at the Cool Spring Preserve in Charles Town, there will be a PVAS Natural History Workshop on Citizen Science: Butterfly Research

Stan moved that a \$75 donation be made. Betty seconded the motion.

Stream Monitoring

Kate said that Holly has agreed to be Norman's backup, at least for this year.

Dates were set: July 31 for Double T; Aug 3 at Country Inn, Aug 7 at Board of Ed and Aug 9 at Fairview

Webmaster's Report

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

2018 Stream Partners Midterm Report

A revised budget and details about the Hugelkulture project were submitted

Tree Maintenance Re-scheduling: We will work at Double T on July 31

Wetlands Weeding Re-scheduling: We will work on Aug 10.

Cacapon Institute BMP project

Several members committed to the private tree planting project. We will reach out to CNB and Sheetz to see if they are interested. At least 6 names are needed. The demonstration tree planting will be held Oct 27.

Hugelkulture Project

Kate and Rebecca presented detailed plans, including a volunteer sign up sheet. Members are requested to locate and stockpile needed materials (logs, branches, straw, chips, soil and compost.) on site. We would like to invite Master Gardeners and Naturalists and a videographer.

Tentative dates of either Tue Sep 11 or Wed, Sept 12 were suggested.

CB Grant for Second Rain Garden in Greenway: to be continued

US Silica cleanup: No date has been set.

New Business

Polo Shirts for Board Members

Kate has estimates from 3 vendors. Kate, Jeff and Mike are now members of a committee to work on this project. WSWA logo hats were mentioned.

Purple Loosestrife Control:

We will meet at Sheetz at 8:30 Aug 6 to start clipping and spraying.

Other

Kate proposed a future business initiative to ban plastic straws in the watershed.

We will continue to collect donations for Alana's educational fund until the next meeting.

Adjournment: at 7:30

Next Meeting: Aug 22.