

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting**  
**November 28, 2018**

**Attendance:** Andy, Kate, Rebecca, Jeff, Norman, Betty, Mike, Bob. Excused: Stan, Holly  
Guests: Pete Gordon (BSSP Foundation, BOE), Holly May (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)

**Announcements and Reports**

EPCD Campaign at Watershed Celebration Day. We were represented by Jeff Iliff who won a kayak at the auction.

**Secretary's Report:**

The October minutes were accepted, noting that Kate's reimbursement was shy by 6 cents.

**Treasurer's Report**

The prior bank balance was \$18,850.32. There were debits of \$34.96 reimbursement to Kate, \$27.60 to Morgan Messenger for copying and \$119.10 for an ad in the Messenger. One credit of \$175 was from the town motel/hotel tax. The current balance is \$18,843.66. The report was accepted by common consent.

**Committee Reports**

Finance Committee: Jeff Iliff's reimbursement for WCD will occur when all receipts have been turned in. WCD awarded us a \$100 reward for the Greenway Rain Garden work. The state auditors have verified out 2019 Stream Partner's grant and have setup a direct deposit line to our bank account.

Advocacy: Jeff sent a link about the Minden superfund site and public input to the EPA assesment.

Membership Report: We have 50 members. Renewal letters will go out before the next meeting.

Program Committee: We will be working more closely with Sleepy Creek WA on common issues, such as wetlands management and tree mapping.

Stream Monitoring: It has been a very wet year. Only 3 sites were monitored. Norman reports that the number of species has declined.

Webmaster's Report: Facebook notified us that it wanted a more complete address for our organization. The request was declined as we do not have a street address.

**Unfinished Business**

Hugelkultur Plantings: Kate took some visitors recently to the Greenway Cemetary. There were no signs of erosion at the 3 hugelkultur mounds. Trees and bushes will be ordered to plant on the mounds. There are some funds that might be spent on planting pollinator species on the mausoleum.

Polo Shirts: Holly Hook is working on improving the logo appearance.

Waystation Grant Program: Nothing to report.

Adopt-a-Highway: We are done for the year with 3 pickups. A recognition gift from the state is thought to be in the works.

Tree Work: The pruning , mulch and weeding at the Debbie Dhayer property will be on next year's agenda. Weather complicated scheduling efforts this fall.

Holiday Party: The event at Angus and Ale is scheduled for Dec 5 at 6 pm.

2019 Stream Partners Grant Award: We have already received funding for the boardwalk construction in the Widmyer Wetlands. Moving the Boy Scout project bridge from the Middle School to the Wetlands has been proposed.

## **New Business**

YourBMP Spring Program: Mike Brooks will be the coordinator for the CI program. The pre-proposal is due Jan 1 and will be modeled after the Fall proposal by Susan Jones. Interest has been expressed by Sheetz, Kate, Matt Miller. We need between 6 and 12 recipients and that should not be a problem.

Potential Streambank Restoration Projects at BSHS: Holly May mentioned that a WVCA/NRCS stream assessment has been completed for the Run through the High School. A lack of stream buffer and canalization was noted. This may be an opportune time to increase the tree canopy and add rain gardens to improve erosion control and

Urban Tree Canopy Opportunity: The town Tree Board and County planner want to increase the urban tree canopy. A meeting on Dec 16 @ 9am at the Fairfax Coffee house will be held.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2019-**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**