

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting**  
**January 23, 2019**

**Attendance:** Kate, Andy, Norman, Jeff, Betty, Stan, Rebecca, Holly, Bob, Mike (full board)  
Guests: Zach Norris, Wind Dance Farm group (Leslie Milbourne), Alana Hartman

**Announcements and Reports**

Zach Norris reviewed the YourBMP program and said 3 trees/participant is ok.  
Alana Hartman announced that there will not be a Watershed Celebration Day this year.  
The Eastern Panhandle Watershed Gathering Day will be May 22 at the Blue Ridge college in Martinsburg.

Leslie Milbourne and her group from Wind Dance Farm narrated a slide show illustrating their stormwater runoff work, their rain garden development and the Monarch Waystation certification.

The letter from NRCS requests supporting the work by Jim Michael on the BS Dam works

Kate and Alana have been invited to make presentations at the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting Event on Feb 22.

The Foxglove Garden Club has invited Kate to make a presentation in October.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as is.

**Treasurer's Report**

Debits: The \$850 check for Hugelkulture landscaping cleared; Angus&Ale charged \$664.36 for the Dec 5 gathering; the Tennessee nursery charged twice (\$123.46 ea.) for hugelkulture plants, \$1200 gift to Norman.

Credits: \$175 Hotel/motel tax, Angus&Ale \$1605 for Dec 5 dinner, Stream Partners 2019 grant (\$4400)

Balance as of today is \$22,185.84 (without overcharge by Tenn. Nursery) The report was filed to audit.-

**Committee Reports**

Finance Committee: Bills were presented for Post Office Box rental (\$62), Jeff's expense at Watershed Celebration Day (\$192.79) and his purchase of pet waste bags (\$63.95). All were approved for payment.

Advocacy: Jeff discussed SB1533 re coal ash pit closures, and SB 167 re a recent amendment that limits updates to toxin levels most harmful to human health.

Membership Report: 26 memberships expired on Dec 31.; renewal requests were mailed (e-26, snail-2) on Jan 17. 3 have renewed as of today.

Program Committee: Alana put us in touch with Elizabeth Boyers' DEP Program about Wetlands education and a volunteer program to map wetlands. PVAS is working on this also.

Stream Monitoring: Norman reported a drop in the insect count in recent monitorings. We had a lot of rain this year that increased sedimentation. We will start monitoring in April/May with climate change issues in mind. We should invite schoolchildren to observe and help.

Webmaster's Report: Nada.

## **Unfinished Business**

Stream Partners: the 2018 final report is due January 31, 2019, volunteer hours to be included. Some materials were donated in the hugelkulture project and money remains in the account.

Polo Shirts: Holly said we need to get an order in before Feb 14 or mid-May. An order form was circulated to the board members. A motion to write a check for the first order was approved.

Tree Work: Pruning and mulching of the Abbot, Dhayer, and Double T properties will be scheduled. An agreement between the land-owner and WSWA should be in force to limit our future maintenance of tree planting sites.

My BMP Spring Program: Emails to the membership resulted in 2 more participants, bringing the total expressing interest to 9 (maximum 12). Three trees per participant is now allowed.

## **New Business**

CommuniTree Project: The Berkeley Springs High School proposal is due February 1. 24 trees are to be planted. Holly May is contributing to this. There will be a meeting at the high school tomorrow.

Hotel/Motel tax distribution: The application is due Feb 28. We should add pet waste collection bag costs and stormwater runoff coordination efforts to the financial justification.

2019 Stream Partners Grant Award: Alana reviewed the financial guidelines for the grant - no reimbursements will be approved, only billing/invoicing from suppliers. The grant award was deposited in our bank electronically.

## **Other**

Make-it-shine paperwork is due March 31. We will pickup along Jimstown Rd. on April 9

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 4 pm for planning work (pizza and drinks)