

**Draft minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
Annual meeting
Morgan County Extension office
4/24/2019**

Attendance:

Kate Lehman, Andy Swaim, Norman Dean, Jeff Iliff, Rebecca Macleod, Holly Hook, Bob Wurster, Betty Lou Harmison, Matt ?.

Finance report

Current balance is \$21,151.72.

There has been one debit and one credit since the last board meeting.

Debit- \$18.75 to the Morgan Messenger for an ad announcing the annual meeting.

Credit- \$25 for a three year membership

There is one outstanding debit and one outstanding credit

Debit- \$30 for tickets to the volunteer awards breakfast

Credit- \$175 from the hotel/motel tax

Filed to audit by common consent

Rebecca's report

Written ethical guidelines for good practices are set out by the Board to guard against:

- Conflict of interest

- Discrimination

Guidelines also provide for:

- Financial controls assure trust and integrity

- Adherence to safe practices

- Good governance

Board members are held responsible for their actions

Minutes from 2018 annual meeting

Distribute minutes from the 2018 annual meeting. There are no corrections to the minutes, Andy moves to accept, Betty seconds, motion passes.

Treasurers report

\$83.88 is owed to Michael for the annual fee for web hosting for the WSWA website. Rebecca moves to approve payment, Jeff seconds. Motion is approved.

Discussion ensued, prompted by Holly, of the advisability of registering a better domain name to make the site easier to find. There was further discussion related to seeking a different host for the site. Rebecca put forward a motion to form a committee to explore options. Proposed members are Holly, Bob and Michael. Jeff seconds, motion passes.

Hotel/motel tax distribution:

WSWA asked for \$1000, was granted \$700. Andy reports that town revenue from the tax has increased from \$60,000 to \$70,000. The Town of Bath Council that, because of the number of new applicants for grants from the tax, that the extra \$10,000 would be earmarked for new applicants.

Andy distributes the WSWA financial statement for 2018 summarizing revenue and expenditures, and the budget for 2019. Kate moves to approve the budget, Jeff seconds, motion passes.

Auditing Committee report

Bob reports that the audit found no errors or discrepancies. Bookkeeping is thorough and transparent. Report accepted by acclimation.

Nominating Committee

Three year terms for board members Betty Harmison, Rebecca Macleod, and Andy Swaim expire this year. All three have volunteered to continue for another term. That service is accepted by acclimation.

Committee annual review

Advocacy- Jeff reports that the most successful campaign was the effort to stop a proposal to allow logging in state parks. Most other advocacy centered on preserving current regulations, such as pollution standards. He also reports that the DOH is happy with WSWA's performance in the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Membership

We have one new member since the March board meeting. Bruce Cowie joined for one year.

Program

The next program event will be a presentation on the value, identification and legal protection of wetlands. Volunteers are being sought for a seminar on rapid assessment. Prerequisites are basic knowledge of wetlands soils and flora. Some familiarity with GIS technology will also be beneficial. Rebecca will make a presentation on the subject to the Master Naturalists in June.

Stream Monitoring

Norman reports the he has looked back at data from 1996 and sees little difference in the stats between then and now. The stream seems to have recovered from the dredging operation at the high school and the gasoline leak that occurred at the old Sheetz location. He also reports that research out of the University of San Diego finds that cigarette butts have a detrimental effect on water quality. He recommends that we be more diligent picking up cigarette butts during highway cleanups. There was further discussion among board members pertaining to methods of discouraging smokers from throwing their butts on the ground.

Hugelkultur

Rebecca reports on the construction of three hugelkultur mounds and four water breaks constructed to prevent erosion in the cemetery. At least ten different community and government organizations participated in the planning and or execution of the project. Trees and shrubs that will be planted on the hugels are on order, some have already arrived. Erosion at the site has been reduced. There have been some unintended consequences elsewhere as a result of rerouting of traffic. A plan exists to deal with those problems. Elsewhere in the cemetery improvements made by WSWA have had a positive effect. The rain garden is doing well.

Make it Shine

The volunteer turnout for the Make it Shine cleanup of the rail trail was encouraging. There were several first time participants. Facebook outreach and advertising seems to have been especially effective. Holly reports the Facebook advertising began about six days ahead of the event, at a cost of \$3.41. The ad reached 271 people, 247 took the time to read the post. Kate leads discussion about incorporating individuals and businesses in anti-litter campaigns.

Urban tree canopy

Zack will visit the next board meeting

Rail trail

We are waiting for Bill Clark to provide an MOU template for review. Morgan county government has expressed appreciation for WSWA's offer to co-ordinate trail maintenance.

Branding

Kate suggests coordinating with the Bath Development Authority on branding.

Canopy

Discussion of purchase of a canopy for outdoor events. An expenditure of up to \$175 was authorized.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:40PM