

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting
Morgan County Extension Office
May 22, 2019

Attendance: Kate, Andy, Norman, Rebecca, Jeff, Mike. Guest: Zach Norris (CI)

Secretary's Report/Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting on April 24 were accepted by acclamation. Thank you Bob Wurster for being the acting secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Debits:

Website annual fee reimbursement to Mike for \$83.88

WV Secretary of State annual report fee of \$26.00

Credits:

Dues (\$225) and donations (\$55) from the Plant Fair

Membership and donation of \$100

The CNB balance today is \$21,421.84

The Treasure's report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

There are two outstanding bills: \$23.50 to Morgan Messenger for printing the rack cards for the Plant Fair, and \$539 for our own canopy. A motion to pay these expenses was made by Rebecca and seconded by Norman.

Advocacy NTR

Membership Report

We had 6 new memberships at the plant fair and several renewals. Membership now stands at 48, with several board memberships to renew.

Program Committee/Elizabeth Byers' Program

NTR, the presentation is Aug 12.

Stream Monitoring

We have done two so far (Eddie's Tire and Double T) and have measured unusually high nitrogen.

Scheduled monitoring: June 4 at Widmyer, June 18 at Country Inn and June 25 at Board of Ed.

Webmaster's Report

The committee of Holly, Bob and Mike will meet before the next board meeting to discuss content and a possible new website.

Bob financed the purchase of the domain "WarmSpringsWatershed.com" which points to the existing "WarmSpringsWatershed.webs.com" domain.

Unfinished Business

Plant Fair Report/Analysis

Rebecca distributed the Plant Fair rack cards around town. There was a good response to them. Our location next to the Sleepy Creek WA as beneficial to both of us. In the past we had a literature raffle and give-away snakes and we might revive this. Zach mentioned that we could use the Cacapon Inst. stormwater demonstration table. He also mentioned having water barrel kits and literature on hand. With our own canopy, we could use a WSWA banner to hang from it. With regard to developing interest in stream monitoring we could 'pre-collect' bugs from the stream to show off because collecting them in real-time is difficult in that part of the run.

Next year, we should start in January for Plant Fair planning.

Purchase of Canopy

The association has purchased a canopy of our own.

Boardwalk in Wetlands

Bob's boardwalk sketch is needed for approval by the County of the plans since we are in a wetland.

Purple Loosestrife Beetles

The beetles are on the way...

Pet Waste Stations at High School

The high school has requested 2 waste stations, thanks to Holly May, Jeff and Kate, that they will install and maintain. As we don't have any more 'in stock' we may swap the 2 stations designated for Greenway Cemetary and order 2 more.

14 Oak Trees

Paw Paw High School donated 14 oak trees in 2 gal pots to CI who made them available to us. We will plant them in the Widmeyr wetlands, the MiddleSchool/Intermediate School and outside the WVU Extension Meeting Room.

We will meet at the Intermediate School at 8 am on May 29 to plant them.

New Business

Election of Officers

Mike proposed the creation of an 'emeritus' board position that would enable Betty Lou to act as a Board Member when present at meetings, and not be a party of a quorum when absent. Rebecca seconded the motion and it was so voted.

The Officer's slate of Kate for President, Rebecca for Vice-President, Mike for Secretary, Andy for Treasurer and Betty Lou Harmsion for 'emeritus' member was proposed. Jeff and Norman motioned to approve the proffered slate. It was so voted.

Rebecca will sign a signature card at CNB so she can sign checks in place of Betty Lou.

Your BMP

Zack Norris from CI congratulated us on having run an 'awesome' YourBMP project, the largest in the last year, with 45 trees. Mike agreed to coordinate the Fall YourBMP project, with the application due July 1. It make be possible to get Potomac Edison and Valley Health to participate. Zach will take the lead in working with business interests.

Letter of Appreciation to Erich May

Erich May is leaving the school system so Kate will write a letter of appreciation to him for his work with environmental concerns in the school system that include tree planting, and planning for stormwater management.

Announcements and Reports

Rain Garden Work

Rebecca, Kate and Mike pulled up a lot of weeds in the Greenwood Rain Garden and did some new planting. A date for mulching was set for June 11 at 8 am.

Watershed Meeting in Martinsburg

The Eastern Panhandle Watershed Group Gathering will be tomorrow in Martinsburg. Jeff will show his video about the Hugel development and talk briefly about our activities.

Other

Jeff reported that the Clean Water Coalition Meeting in Baltimore was very good. He will have some pictures and discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:00PM