

Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association
CCWPA.ORG

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Sherry McLain called the meeting to order at 7:10 with the pledge of allegiance and the reading of the CCWPA Mission Statement. There were 10 persons in attendance: Sherry McLain, Mary Hochendoner, Karen Stilp, Paula Zankel, Brett Zankel, Archie Fenton, Sally Banks, Mike Blum, Daniel Beck and Mike Yanchuk.

Paula Zankel presented the minutes from the November 9 meeting. The minutes were accepted as corrected. The corrected minutes will be attached to these minutes. Karen Stilp presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$490.52 in the Mid-Penn banking account. \$115 in dues came in last month from Trout Unlimited and Sally Banks. Sherry asked if the bylaws included anything about audits, and Brett noted that the corporate charter filing requires an audit, so that covers the requirement.

Old business:

Web site CCWPA.ORG: The group reviewed the website headings. Mike Blum, as webmaster, explained how to use the website to send email to us. The email address HYPERLINK "mailto:info@ccwpa.org" info@ccwpa.org will be forwarded to Brett's Zankel's email address for him to screen and forward incoming emails. Mike will set up the "contact us" page and eventually we can add HYPERLINK "mailto:membership@ccwpa.org" membership@ccwpa.org, etc to the list of possible recipients. Mike is ready to receive text for the web site. Mike explained the "resource links" and stated that we need to encourage other organizations to link to us, thereby increasing the search engine probability that will boost CCWPA higher in a general web search. We can add a schedule of meetings of related organizations and some related web sites. Mike wants to post the bylaws and also the meeting minutes, either by open access to everyone or by password control to our members. No decision was reached on how to post the minutes. Mike needs a copy of the bylaws.

CCWPA filing status - Brett needs a final copy of the by-laws, and needs to tell Karen when he needs the \$125 filing fee. The formal advertising of the incorporation should not wait.

Bylaws update: Although Linda Brindle sent out the updated bylaws in November, she is requested to resend them to Archie for re-distribution to Brett and to Mike Blum.

Archie will check what he has in his in-box.

Adopt-a-highway - The request was submitted to PennDot but we have not received the official approval. Mary will follow up in a week or two if she hasn't heard anything. No one had any news or information about the continued dumping of tires, but Terry Fetterhoff was not present at the meeting.

SHARE (Sandy Hollow Arts and Recreation for the Environment) Grant – the committee met to prepare the grant application and Karen and Sally distributed the draft to the meeting attendees for comments. The grant request is due by the end of the month, and Karen's committee will meet again on Jan 25 to finalize the application.

Logging Update: We still want to pursue information concerning how the income from the logging at the Harrisburg Reservoir is being reported. A question was raised on who actually owns the trees... the city or the HBG Authority...

Conservation Report: Mike Yanchuk reported that he will be performing macro invertebrate collections during February and March as part of his official study. There will be 7 collection points - 4 above the dam and 3 below. He will also be taking flow measurements along with the invertebrate collections. The group asked to be included as participants in the collections. The Fish Survey in August will be performed by the Fish and Boat commission and Mike will assist in that also. CCWPA will volunteer to participate if the information is communicated to the membership. Mike noted that CCWPA can independently apply for a Coldwater Heritage Partnership Grant to fund its environmental activities.

New business:

Marcellus Shale concerns: What appears to be a drilling pad access road was cut at the east end of the Reservoir property. If it's a drilling pad, then where are the approval documents located? to be continued.... DEP has a web site that lists the drilling permits. Sally Banks told the group about seeing a drilling site near Eagle's Mere – there were lots of huge water trucks on the local roads, empty businesses, and enormous noise. All said, she found it quite distressing and depressing.

Mike Blum announced that his family had made a donation of 26 acres of land along Clark's Valley Road to the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, who will then pass it to the fish commission for use as public access.

Election of Officers: The question was raised on how to place names in nomination, and those who wanted to be nominated presented their names to the group. The staggered terms

of office mandated in the bylaws will be decided by the board when the election is finalized. Mike Blum stated that the slate can be presented to be approved by acclamation, and those present agreed to hold the election in that manner. There will be seven board positions for the first year.

List of nominees for board positions:

Mike Blum	Sherry McLain	Paula Zankel
Linda Brindle	Karen Stilp	
Mary Hochendoner	Brett Zankel	

Archie Fenton will continue to serve as the official mail distribution point, but will not take a board position.

Next meeting: Mike Yanchuk will run the elections and the next meeting. He will also try to arrange a speaker. To celebrate the elections, there will be a POT LUCK DINNER, so bring something to share and a guest to the meeting. Karen will provide paper goods.

FEBRUARY 15 - ELECT DIRECTORS

MARCH 15 - Organization begins functioning with programs and officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, the 15th of February , at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Zankel
recorder