

Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association
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Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The February 15, 2011 meeting of the Clark's Creek Watershed Preservation Association was preceded by a pot-luck supper. Mike Yanchuk called the meeting to order at 7:35. The meeting attendees all introduced themselves. There were at least 15 persons in attendance.

Mike provided a status of his grant and the ongoing habitat assessments. His macro invertebrate study will start in the early spring. He continues to conduct a water temperature analysis, the optimal temperature is below 66°, which Clarks Creek continues to maintain. The conservation release agreement states that the dam release is 10 CFM (cubic feet per minute) and the Harrisburg Authority continues to comply with that rate.

The minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting were distributed for review, and were approved later in the meeting. Karen Stilp provided the treasurer's report, as of January 31 we have \$580.68 in the bank account; no membership count was given. Names and email addresses of all new members will be provided to Archie Fenton for the mailing list.

Mike Blum conducted a tour of the web site. He stated that the web site reflects us as an organization.. whatever we want it to be. A discussion ensued concerning putting commercial links on the web site, to also include our business members. No decision was reached. Sherry McLain suggested that Mike be given credit for his web design, as well as photo credits to contributing photographers. Mary Hochendoner stated that she freely gave her photos to the group. Brett Zankel questioned the ownership of facebook photos. Should we have a member's only passworded page ? This was also left for future resolution. Mary suggested that meeting minutes which have not yet been approved not be posted to the web site.

Adopt-a-Highway. Mary reported that we have been approved as guardians for the 2-mile stretch of state route 325. We need to pick up from PennDOT the materials and training DVD. The Great American cleanup of PA is April 16-30, and we could target our cleanup for April 23. (see GACofPA.org corrected dates March 1st to May 31^S. Let's Pick It Up PA is a two week event with the Great American Cleanup. Sponsored by DEP and the Pennsylvania Waste Industry Association, Pick It Up PA Days will occur from April 16th through April 30th. It is during this two week period that trash collected at registered events can be disposed free of charge at participating landfills.) April 2 is the first day of trout season. Perhaps we can coordinate with the boy

scouts and Trout Unlimited who have adjacent parts of the road.

SHARE Grant. Karen stated that the grant committee met twice and the grant was submitted on time. The application will be reviewed by SHARE at the end of March, and we will be notified of the application status in early April.

Election of Officers: Mike Yanchuk conducted the election. He read the list of nominees, and Linda Brindle moved to accept the list by acclamation. List of nominees for board positions:

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

The newly elected officers will meet prior to March 15 to organize themselves according to the CCWPA bylaws.

New Business: Brett asked Gene Stilp if he was familiar with the rights of local landowners with respect to the aqueduct, but no response was given.

Mike Yanchuk introduced the speaker, Heather Freeland, of the Dauphin County unit of the Penn State Cooperative Extension. She is the local 4H educator and also lives in the Clarks Valley watershed. She explained some of the assistance that the extension provides to county residents, both rural and urban. She and Jen Fetter (also of the extension) want to start a 4H stream team and other local watershed youth programs.

Next meeting:

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 March , at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Zankel
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