

Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Minutes as corrected and Approved on January 18, 2011

Sherry McLain called the meeting to order at 7:15 with the pledge of allegiance. There were 9 persons in attendance; Sherry McLain, Mary Hochendoner, Karen Stilp, Paula Zankel, Brett Zankel, Terry Fetterhoff, Sally Banks, Linda Brindle and Mike Yanchuk.

Paula Zankel presented the minutes from the October 16 meeting. The minutes were accepted as amended. Karen Stilp presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$260.48 in the Mid-Penn banking account. \$75 in dues came in last month.

Old business:

Web site: Mike Blum is open to receive text for the web site. Mary asked if the organization has an email address and it was determined to use HYPERLINK "mailto:bz266@aol.com" bz266@aol.com and Brett will act as the email screener. We will add Karen's address as the mailing address to the web site for receiving membership applications. We can add a schedule of meetings of related organizations and some related web sites.

CCWPA filing status - the organization could incorporate as either a domestic non-profit corporation or a domestic non-profit co-op corporation. A CO-op has less restrictive reporting requirements, and forms as a non-stock corporation. An association does not cut off liability, a corporation cuts off individual liability. We can still get grants as a co-op. the filing fee is \$125; Brett needs a final copy of the by-laws. The advertising costs are unknown at this time. We need people to sign the forms as incorporators, and also need to provide a street address. We will use Brett's address of 321 Clark's Valley Road on the incorporation papers. The word CO-OP needs to be added to the name of the group for the filing papers. Sally moved to authorize Brett to incorporate as a co-op, and the motion was unanimously passed. The group can solicit funds up to \$32,000 per year without being a 501c(3) organization.

Bylaws update: the wording of the lifetime and business memberships was finalized.

Adopt-a-highway - Mary has the application to designate road marker 120-150 of Clarks' Valley Road (mile 2 to 4) from the singing bridge to Linda Brindle's meadow as being monitored by the CCWPA. The name on the sign was decided to be Clarks Creek Watershed Assoc., using the guideline of 16 large or 22 small letters. Cleanup is 4 times per

year. Brett moved and Karen seconded to approve Mary to proceed with the application.

SHARE Grant – a seed grant of \$1000 max is available from SHARE (Sandy Hollow Arts and Recreation for the Environment), with no matching funds required from the organization. The grant is due by the end of January, and Brett moved to authorize Karen to apply for the grant. A committee of volunteers (Sally, Linda, Mary and Paula) will meet with Karen to prepare the application.

WREN – Mike Yanchuk will send Paula Julie Kohler's contact information; she knows a lot about WREN.

Conservation Report: Mike Yanchuk and Archie Fenton are going out on Monday November 15 to do a water flow study. Mike went out today with HACC students to perform tests for macro invertebrates in the surface water. Christine Bittinger is the participating geologist.

The DEP Environment and Sedimentation manual has been updated for all counties. There is a 150-foot riparian buffer required along high-quality, cold-water, exceptional value streams, of which Clarks' Creek is one. The regulations begin November 19, 2010.

New business:

Terry Fetterhoff reported that between October 27 at 12:45 pm and October 28 at 3:00 pm someone with a commercial business is dumping tires across from 1461 Clark's Valley road (Sherrill Moyer's house). He has been in contact with the State Police, and residents should be on the lookout for the dumpers.

According to Gene Stilp, various international companies are coming in to buy the water utilities – we need to make ourselves known to the Harrisburg Authority and to the townships. Brett led a discussion of potential Marcellus shale impacts on our watershed and township.

Election business: Now that the bylaws were passed in September, the attendees/ members are trying to form the board of directors while giving all interested parties the opportunity to participate. A committee is needed to form a slate of nominees, create ballots and become ballot counters. Nominations by January 10; paid membership by Jan 18. Brett nominated Paula Zankel to accept the names. You must be present at the February meeting to vote. Must be paid by Jan 18 to be on the ballot.

JANUARY 18 - SOLICIT NOMINATIONS

FEBRUARY 15 - ELECT DIRECTORS

MARCH 15 - Organization begins functioning with programs and officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, the 18th of January, at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Zankel

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