

Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association
Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Sherry McLain called the meeting to order at 7:15 with the pledge of allegiance. There were 7 persons in attendance; Sherry McLain, Mary Hochendoner, Karen Stilp, Paula Zankel, Brett Zankel, Archie Fenton and Mike Yanchuk.

Paula Zankel presented the minutes from the September 21. The minutes were accepted as read. Karen Stilp presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$200 in the Mid-Penn banking account. Karen sent a thank-you to the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited for their \$100 contribution. Paula Zankel moved and Mary Hochendoner seconded to reimburse Karen \$14.52 for Office Max graphic design, setup and printing of the membership applications.

Old business:

CCWPA logo - Mary introduced the logo created by Mike Blum and herself which is currently in use on the display poster and the membership application. The group voted to continue the use of the logo. Copies of the logo were distributed to all attendees, and the question was raised about getting an electronic version of the logo. The group voted to continue using this logo for CCWPA.

Karen distributed membership forms to all attendees, and the attendees took a break to fill them out and become the first paid members. No membership tally was presented at that time.

CCWPA filing status - Brett will obtain price quotes for submitting the legal notices. His goal is to have an incorporation filed with the state by our next meeting.

The group agreed to send out the meeting notice schedule when the dates are known. Paula will send an email to the list that we are now accepting memberships.

Dauphin borough heritage day - October 9 - Karen Stilp and Mary Hochendoner manned a booth on behalf of CCWPA. They felt that the event itself was not particularly well attended, and only 2 people took flyers. Mary toured the Dauphin Historical Society Museum, and noted that our two groups complement each other and that the historical society would make a good potential program for our members.

Conservation Report: Mike Yanchuk provided an update on the stream study. The water in the creek was almost too warm at the mouth at 14 degrees Celcius, but cold enough at the reservoir (below 66 degrees).

Mike and Eric Naguski are conducting a macro-invertebrate study November - April. They use d-frame nets and a 6-kick process to stir up the water, and use 500 micron nets to sieve out the invertebrates. Mike received a call from Joe Lauver concerning the flow measurements at the reservoir, since the water level in the creek appears to be low. Mike had recently performed a flow measurement at the Appalacian Trail crossing and noted that the flow exceeded the standard (which is 10cfm) at the rate of 12cfm.

New business:

A central Pennsylvania organization called SHARE (Sandy Hollow Arts and Recreation for the Environment) gives grants to environmental organizations promoting watershed sustainability. The group raises money by holding music festivals which are closed to the public! Karen will continue to investigate how to apply for their grants.

Mike Blum has established a web presence for the group at CCWPA.org. We need to establish pages for membership, meeting minutes, and meeting notes. (secretary's notes: CCWPA is now identified on the Dauphin County Conservation District web site with the other watershed groups in the county)

Archie Fenton is now the Clarks Creek stream steward for the Doc Fritchey chapter of Trout Unlimited. The chapter held a trash cleanup on October 16 at their 2-mile stretch of route 325 (6 to 8 miles out) which is near the fly fishing area. 44 tires were recovered above the rifle range area. Brett commented about finding discarded drywall and plumbing at one of the parking areas 8 miles out the road.

Mary contacted the Penn DOT adopt-a-highway program. Miles 2-3 and 4-5 on route 325 east are available to be monitored by our group. The requirement is to clear the area of debris 4 times per year. PennDOT comes to remove the refuse, and they provide gloves, garbage bags, and tips. The group voted to pursue reserving miles 2 & 3 because these miles would get a higher visibility by the area residents. Mary also got the contact information for obtaining share-the-road and other highway signs, to be

installed in our valley.

Members have the option to subscribe to the WREN (Water Resources Education Network) e-newsletter. WREN is sponsored by the Penna League of Women voters. <http://wren.palwv.org/>

An upcoming WREN activity of note in our area is on November 15 , Elizabethtown, PA , St. Paul's United Methodist Church , Riparian Buffer and Stream Ecology Workshop , Sponsored by the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center, Register on-line at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Stream_Workshop

Brett Zankel noted that the Harrisburg Authority now has a full complement of members, and can resume functioning as a proper board. Mike Yanchuk noted that the Harrisburg water company timberers are now following the Environmental and sedimentation (E&S) plans that are established.

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. Archie suggested that a 60-day notice of elections would be proper. With Mike's calendar, we reserved the following dates for meetings and an election cycle:

NOVEMBER 9 - PLANNING

DECEMBER - SKIP for the holidays (and hunting season)

JANUARY 18 - SOLICIT NOMINATIONS

FEBRUARY 15 - ELECT DIRECTORS

MARCH 15 - Organization begins functioning with programs and officers.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, the 9th of November, at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Zankel
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