

Minutes of the Clarks Creek Watershed Preservation Association

Tuesday, September 21, 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, Mike Blum, Joe Lauver, Sherril Moyer, Paula Zankel.

Mike Blum presented the minutes from the August 17 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. Karen Stilp presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$100 in the Mid-Penn banking account plus a \$100 contribution from the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Old business:

Mary will provide the list of names collected at the July 31 Ned Smith Center booth to Archie Fenton.

Bylaws committee report - Mike Blum read the bylaws to attendees who had not previously seen them. The bylaws were approved as read by the meeting attendees.

Sherril Moyer stated that articles of incorporation must be filed at the department of state. Brett Zankel needs to advertise in 2 publications. The group discussed the cost of the legal notices, and whether we had sufficient funds at this time to cover the cost.

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 discussed setting up a booth at the Dauphin Heritage Day on October 9 with the express purpose of attracting members. Karen Stilp took this for action. In order to be a success, we need to provide a membership application, Mike Blum's poster showing the beauty of the creek, possible photos showing the "funky stuff" in the valley, to include invasive plants, trash piles, ETC. Someone needs to provide a table for the booth. Karen will develop a membership application and give it to Archie Fenton to distribute for comments.

In addition to the membership application, the attendees discussed having membership cards, which was rejected, and also developing a logo for the organization.

The group decided that all correspondence will be blind, with the email addresses not displayed for all to see. The email addresses would be known only to the keeper of the mailing list.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the topic of a life membership was initiated by Joe Lauver. The attendees approved a life membership of \$100 and a corporate/business membership of \$100 annually.

The discussion of liability insurance for directors was tabled until we have directors.

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)

Mike Yanchuk provided a brief water study update report in absentia. (to be provided).

The next meeting will be Tuesday, the 19th of October, at 7:00. The agenda will include the election of board members, and the collection of dues.

Respectfully submitted
Paula Zankel
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