

Minutes
CCWPA Annual Meeting
DC Ag & Nat Res Cntr
9/24/15

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm was by Paula Zankel. Attendance was 10-11 members, which constitutes a quorum as required by the By-Laws.

2. Paula Zankel summarized "5 Years of Success":

a. We have spent time reaching out because we are a "player" -- people are aware of us. Therefore: Awareness.

b. We have forged a partnership with CRW.

c. We have done outreach projects with many similar groups -- 5 years of Ned Smith Day,, Wildwood Wetlands Festival, etc., for instance.

d. We are part of the Conservation District and we have been consulted on emergency operations (DC Emerg Mgt Hazard Planning)

3. Old Business

a. Treasurer's Report: Sherry McLain reported a balance of \$1746.52.

b. Membership Report: Karen Stilp delivered a Membership Report -- 26 paid members. Mike Blum asked the members to think "what ROLE do you want to play?"

c. Web site Report: Mike Blum described the site and FACEBOOK page.

d. Adopt-a-Highway event: Mike Blum relayed info on the 10/24 event to those assembled.

4. New Business

a. Rob Frank, the new Watershed Resources Specialist from the DCCD, gave a brief overview of the watershed condition: Clarks Creek was a high quality cold water fishery, with a healthy biotic scene. pH, turbidity and conductivity are in the Healthy range.

Rob came here Oct. 14, 2014 -- he added the Trout Habitat; he is working with CRW; he says that he's "here to help so please contact" him! He is working on the new Cold Water Heritage Plan.

b. A presentation from Tanya Dierolf, Sustainability Mgr, CRW, noted the NO SALE of 400 acres to the PGC due to public comment and the desire to steward the property. This incident led CRW to examine itself and its role vis-a-vis owning and managing land and timber rights. Ultimately, CRW will need a Forest Stewardship Plan, a boundary survey, and legal assistance in its works -- these are long term protective measures.

There are many options -- for instance, the Ft. Indiantown Gap issue -- Forest Stewardship -- Conservation Easements -- Carbon Credits Bundle? There are ideas -- give up or extinguish development rights but continue to own and manage the land -- continue to focus on WATER. The CRW Board has approved the process of pursuing a conservation easement -- sustainability through timber harvests -- the Nature Conservancy is also involved. CRW received a small grant for "source water protection." CCWPA should give input to CRW.

c. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

John Mimmall, Paula Zankel and Sherry McLain were elected to 2-year terms. The Board will meet following the next activity of the Membership to elect officers for 2015-2016.

5. PRESENTATION

Jennifer Fetter, PS Coop Ext Watershed Education Specialist, led the meeting in "An Introduction to the Basics of Watershed Planning" -- a board game requiring balancing of funds and options. All agreed it was very interesting!

6. Upcoming Events: Adopt a Highway, 10/24/15 (see above).

7. Adjournment was at 9:00 pm.