

Minutes • CCWPA ANNUAL MEETING
Dauphin County Ag. & Nat. Resources Cntr. • Sept. 25, 2018

1. The Call to Order at 7:02 pm was by Paula Zankel. **Members in Good Standing** present were Paula Zankel, Mike Blum, Arlene Taylor, John Mimmall, Bill Coleman and Brett Zankel; others present included Melanie Mimmall, Denise Scotland and Rob Frank. Four voting members or 10% of the voting membership, whichever is greater, constitutes a quorum; since CCWPA has 27 members in good standing, 4 must be present. **6 Members in Good Standing** being present, a Quorum was attained.
2. Paula Zankel greeted attendees and thanked them for coming. She briefly mentioned various CCWPA activities over the past year, including our work with CRW, A-A-H, Dauphin County, etc.
3. In the absence of Treasurer Sherry McLain, Paula Zankel reported that the CCWPA bank balance was ±\$1800.
4. Old Business
 - a. Mike Blum presented the results of the May 2018 Adopt-a-Highway cleanup, as printed in the Mid-Pax Newsletter, and invited all to the October 20, 2018, cleanup session (rain date: November 10). He mentioned that, in addition to the usual flags and signs, special **CAUTION -- ACTIVE TRASH PICKUP** signs would be displayed.
 - b. Mike Blum delivered a brief overview of the CCWPA web site and Facebook page, drawing especial attention to the EVENTS FUNCTION of the latter, which has the October 20 Adopt-a-Highway session on it.
 - c. Paula reviewed the recent **BY-LAW REVISIONS** the changed the annual membership fee for non-profit entities to \$25 and the lifetime membership fee for non-profit entities to \$150.
5. New Business
 - a. Rob Frank, Watershed Resource Specialist, presented a thorough STATE OF THE CREEK report. He mentioned that our creek is tested on rotating 4-5-year intervals: 2008, 2013, 2017 were the most recent test years; therefore the most recent sampling was spring 2017. However, the results of this were very good. Our creek is VERY healthy, judging from the generous amounts of living macro-invertebrates and other fauna found, species that are very sensitive to pollution, and therefore will only thrive if pollution levels are low; ours are at historically low levels. Rob's full report will be posted on line, including his detailed powerpoint slides.
 - b. Members asked about floods. Rob pointed out that large woody debris in the creek is good for the stream, but bad for people's bridges and such. It provides good habitat for fauna but creates dams! And damages bridges!
 - c. Rob was asked about run-off from PennDot drains -- he admitted that the sampling was over a year old and therefore probably didn't really reflect that. He showed at which points the sampling occurred:
 - 1.85 miles from the creek mouth at the Susquehanna River;
 - 8.47 miles from the creek mouth at the White Barn;
 - 16.24 miles from the creek mouth at the Appalachian Trail crossing;
 - 22.72 miles from the creek mouth (beyond DeHart reservoir).
 - d. Election of Directors: Mike Blum, Arlene Taylor and Brett Zankel were re-elected unanimously to 2-year terms. The Board will next meet after the October 20 trash session.
6. Adjournment was at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Blum, Secretary
10/19/18