

# **Cooks Creek Watershed Association**

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

**April 23, 2026**

**Attendance** – Scott, Travis, Sarah and Jenn LaStella

**Minutes** (should we post these to our website?) – Minutes from the March board meeting were approved; Sarah/Travis 4-0. Minutes will be posted to the website, once approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – No report, Jim was not present.

**Bills** – The exam fee of \$275 for Scott to do critter assessments; The membership fee in the Freshwater Science program is \$180 which Scott will ask the Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV) for re-imburement. Bills were not paid as Jim was absent.

### **Administrative Issues**

**Spring Newsletter** – Articles are due May 1. To be included is water monitoring, creature feature on spiders, flyer for the mini monster mayhem, from across the board, up coming events. There was discussion on the hydrographs that will be included in the newsletter. There is a trend of less flow in the creek because of less rainfall and there is increasing water temperatures. Recharge of the aquifer is necessary which comes about by retaining rainfall on each property, not increasing impervious surfaces, doing rain barrels and rain gardens. Scott has recalibrated the hydrograph numbers and added the newest readings from the gauges. This report has 6.5 years of data.

**Membership/Dues** – We are looking for a membership chair. Sarah will reach out to Janis Hadley once again.

**Officers** – Scott presented a slate of 4 board positions which are the same with:

Scott – President, Travis – VP, Jim – Treasurer, and Lois as Communication director, secretary. Motion accepted, Scott/Lois, 4-0.

### **Major Accomplishments of FY 2025**

**Ongoing stream gauging** – See above report on the Hydrographs.

**Fry's Run Workshop at Riegelsville Library** – Jim and Sarah attended last fall and the date/location for this year still needs to be determined.

**2025 Spring Roadside Cleanup** – This was a success.

**2025 Mini monsters** – Another success.

**Additional mini monsters for Elementary school** – Springfield Elementary participated at Scott's place.

**Waldorf school outreach** – An environmental centered program is being planned but they have no staff with a background, so they've reached out to CCWA.

**Surveys for Growing Greener (stormwater impacts)** – Monitoring took place in the Watershed looking for stormwater effects such as erosion, sediments, filling in of interstices, but also invasives and even distances.

**Draft CCW Protection Plan review** – Princeton Hydro will present the findings in a public meeting now that the study has concluded.

**Trout in the Classroom (TIC)** – This program was started in the fall with the Palisades H.S.

**Passer farmers market** – We attended a few market days with an information table.

**Plant Workshop** – Fall time had a mushroom program with Dave Klaus at the Fuller Property.

**Amateur minnow survey** – Surveys were done by Travis.

**TAP talk, Radio shows, WDVR and the Greenway Partnership** – Scott and Travis presented talks in the greater communities around us.

**Kimberton Round Up Program** – We received monies from the program of rounding up at the register and tabled the event on one Saturday.

## **Goals for FY 2026**

**Membership** – Looking for a chair to track and send out emails, dues and do spread sheets.

**Certifications for sampling, habitat assessments and benthic ID** – Scott has passed the test and will now collect data to be identified and shared with the WCLV and DEP.

**Artwork fundraiser** – Our Mini Monster book and perhaps posters could be featured in an Art Show. Jenn expressed interest in putting together something like an art auction.

## **Projects**

**Minnow Study continues** – Travis

**Staking of trees in creek** – The trees are left over Christmas trees that can be staked to the eroded banks.

**Implementation Plan for CCWPP** – The Protection Plan is a draft that we all need to view, and Travis will announce it on social media to get the public to come to the meeting; when the date has been set.

**Bioassessment training** – Scott will be getting others to take the exam and be certified to do sampling.

**Palisades Middle School Watershed Inclusion Program (PALMS WIP)** – Can CCWA once again associate with this program? What’s happening with the WIP program?

**TIC in the Waldorf School** – We will be involved in this program.

## **Events**

**2025 Spring Roadside Cleanup (April 11, 2026)** – One PENNDOT truck was filled from 40 people helping to pick trash.

**Kids fishing derby (April 11, 2026)** – Travis represented CCWA in the morning then came to pick trash.

**Springtown Rod & Gun Club Anniversary (May 2, 2026)** - CCWA will have a table with various helpers and Travis will reach out to Master Watershed Stewards to see if any can volunteer that day.

**Mini Monsters with Waldorf School (May 18, 2026)** – This will take place at Scott’s place.

**Passer farmers market (multiple weeks)** – The first date is May 20, 2026. We will table the event.

**2026 Mini Monster Mayhem (June 20)** – Once again at Scott’s place starting at 9:30 and running to noon. Please, help out.

**Plant Workshop** – Noan is considering a plant project at his place. TBD.

**Fry’s Run workshop (September 19 ???)** – Lois will ask Bob and Eileen Schmidt for info.

**2026 Durham Community Day (October 10, 2026), 1-4pm** – We will participate.

**Fall 2026 Dinner (October 3, 2026)**- Noam has agreed to contact Allison Brokow about a presentation on “bats” and her book. Another possibility is Karen Campbell who does macro photography and talks on “pollinators”.

**Walk in Penn’s Woods (October 4, 2026, Sunday)** – TBD

**2026 Fall Roadside Cleanup (November 14, 2026)** – We will do our Adopt a Highway section.

**STEM program night – March 2027-** at the Palisades High School???

**Mark your calendars for all these wonderful events.**

**Next Board Meeting is May 28, 2026, 6:30pm at the Springtown Firehouse.**

