

COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2024

In Attendance – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah and Lois. Jim shared a few historical items.

It was agreed to change the meeting time to 6:30 pm, starting January 2025.

Approval of Minutes –The Board meeting minutes of October 2024, as amended, were approved; motion by Jim/Sarah; all in favor, 5-0. (My note says that “promote” was the amendment?)

Mail- No mail.

Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Sarah/Travis to accept but not approve the Treasurer’s Report. All in favor, 5-0. Next month this Treasurer’s Report will be approved.

Pay Bills –Another poster of the Watershed was made for \$153.68. Also of note, the Mural made at Durham Day will need a “home”. Any ideas: elementary school, High School, Springtown Post Office or Durham Post Office (there is no spot to place it in the Durham Post Office).

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Lois –The Winter 2025 newsletter has an article deadline date of February 1, 2025. Aimee would like to write an article on the Springtown Water System and the need for volunteers. An announcement should be included for the death of a past treasurer and a past president, that is Margaret McDonald and Peter Fuller.

Social media – all –Travis is working to get more visibility on both Instagram, Facebook and the website events page. He will need content to create more of a presence on the social media outlets. One posting will be on the Tap Talk at the brewery. More viewers of the posts should lead to more memberships and dues.

Membership – Scott – No updated report.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Lois/Jim–The LDW&S will meet in December with “tributary” breakout meetings on Mondays. The separate tributary meetings are looking at adding to the tributaries list those that may be placed in LDW&S when the list goes to Congress for designation. Lois is on that committee even though Cooks Creek is not designated. Lois will get a draft map of the areas of LDW&S that are now being looked at for inclusion. The **Watershed Coalition** is meeting on December 4th with a party and then in the new year, February, with a Zoom meeting. The next meeting after that is an in-person meeting in March of 2025.

Environmental Monitoring – Scott – Scott reported that the gauges are working.

Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois-Nothing to report.

Education – Scott –Travis will look into making a folder for the “Round up at the Register” event which we will participate in at Kimberton, next year.

Old Business –

Stream assessments -The assessment areas are, in Springfield, from Silver Creek east to the Springtown bridge and in Durham, from Red Bridge, west to the Durham Bridge. Scott would like to make the area of Pleasant Valley a wetland area. The Creeks embeddedness, scoring, riparian buffers, invasives, etc. are being looked at and documented for the Princeton Hydro report. With the completion of the report, it will go to the DEP.

Peppermint Park Sign - Springfield Park and Rec. wants a map of the Watershed for a Peppermint Park kiosk. A new map was printed. Corrections were made on this map; Peppermint Park is not in the proper location on the map. It is noted that the map has no mention of the Native Americans. Travis will ask Rebecca at Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley if there is a way to remedy this error.

Fall Clean-Up Report–Travis, Sarah and Lois attended.

December Board meeting – This is a board meeting/dinner, December 20, Friday and will be hosted by Scott and Aimee at their home at 6pm. Appetizers and dessert are requested.

New Business –

Book Quote -This book is a book on the *Cooks Creek Invertebrates*, a work by Scott and Steve. Other help comes from Nick, the crawfish guy, Jean Cauller from Green Eye for Design, and a technical editor. Some estimated numbers: \$140 to edit, \$3750 for design and layout, hard cover is \$750, printing of 50 color copies is \$2500 or 100 copies for \$4500. Printing will be on high quality paper. There are 40 text pages and 40 pictures. Discussion included who the target audience will be? It will be for members as well as lay naturalists. Motion by Sarah/Travis to start with \$3000 and budget \$5000 for the initiation of the design and layout of the Book. Motion carried 5-0.

Tap Talk Report – Tap Talks is a program from Penn State and the Master Watershed Stewards. Travis held a talk at the Hellertown Lost River Tavern. The title of the talk was the “Impact of Social Media on Catch and Release Trout”. With social media there is much and extensive photos being taken (with the trout out of water) and posted; this stresses and even causes 10% of trout to die. Beneficial? Envy driven? Scott will do an April talk on food and beer.

Fall 2025 Dinner – David Winston has agreed to do a dinner presentation, for \$300, on October 5. However, he requests an hour for his talk. Scott will talk with him as this will be too long. Perhaps David can amend his talk or perhaps this talk is best suited for another workshop?

Adjourn –

Next Board Meeting will be on December 20, 6pm, at the home of Scott and Aimee.

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.