

DRWA Minutes March 26, 2013 in Greenfield CRWC

Attending: Terry Atkinson, Polly Bartlett, David Boles, Mark Burton, Johanna Castilla (keeping notes) Mike Cole, Robert May, Richard Quinn, Brian Yellen (presiding).

AGENDA

Distribution of Mail (Joah)

Approved Minutes for last month (Board)

Treasurer Update (Mark)- Mark is hoping to transfer from Quickbooks to Excel all the DRWA financial data in order to have a clear view of our past budget trends and in order to be able to make projections of our budget for 2013. Google.doc is a free resource to be able to share this data online, just need a gmail account to be able to access. Need to figure out how DRWA can be most effective in the treasurer and bookkeeper roles. Mark will create a test budget and will send it to the Board via email in a couple of weeks. Soon he will be able to manage the DRWA account online.

Merging of Source to Sea and Green River Clean Up Flyers

(Joah)- David and Joah will be meeting with Angela Morzinski and Jacqueline Talbot to create a flyer that invites volunteers to the Green River Clean Up as well as letting them know there are other

Clean Up Sites available on that very same day (in case another site is more convenient for some people), and also to let everyone know that the Clean Up is part of a larger movement on that very same day. The Green River Clean Up will be held on October 5th this year.

Herring Video Support (Brian)–DRWA approved a motion for a \$100 donation to sponsor a documentary on herring migration by Shervin Arya of Illuminating Minds Media.

Safety Forums (Polly)–Polly and Richard attended the last safety forum, the biggest issues being litter and life threatening behaviors on the river with tubers, kayakers, and boaters mostly. The places that do business on the river usually do their own clean ups. Polly will be drafting a letter addressing how to be safe on the river and the importance of cleaning up after oneself, to be disseminated to the radio, newspapers and email. DRWA could add a safety page attached to our website. Brookfield Power has donated \$ towards increased policing effort, DRWA would also be willing to contribute. There is a plan that instead of renting a tube for, say, \$10 it could be rented for \$12 and the extra \$2 could go towards a safety/cleanliness fund that has yet to be clearly established. At the next Safety Meeting on June 10th at Mohawk Park DRWA will offer to make a matching donation to the protection effort made by the recreation businesses on the river. Gary Sanderson, Nature Columnist of the Recorder, will be invited to our next meeting for

the first half hour to see if he would be interested in writing an article about this issue.

M&M Trail Maintenance (Polly)- Polly has hired Art Schwenger to help Chris Dodson as a trail maintainer, he has a saw, skills and experience which could help out Chris.

Laura on Board Emails (Joah)- Laura has requested to be kept in the loop by being on all the Board emails, most Board members have her on their DRWA list already, others will be mindful of adding her on.

Life Membership (Joah)- Joah reviewed briefly membership trends since 2002, at this time DRWA will not pursue a life membership amount, DRWA still needs to research the possibility of donating via the website.

Bank Drafting of Memberships (Joah)- Greenfield Savings Bank does not have the capability to withdraw money from our members accounts automatically to be donated to the DRWA account.

Newsletter (Brian)- Brian is the new editor for the DRWA newsletter, Terry sent him Pat's newsletter notes as a guideline and he will be contacting her for guidance. The newsletter articles/announcements need to be in by two weeks from today. The Newsletter will include the following:

Membership Request

Volume and Number

River Fest, M&M Trail, and Hikes: Polly

River Safety: Brian

TU Related Stewardship: Mark

South River Assessment: Mike

Outreach Effort: Terry

Article on Watershed Birds: Richard

Green River Clean Up Announcement: David

Green River Festival and Annual Meeting Announcements: Joah

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting at 33 Bridge St., Greenfield Coop Bank, Shelburne
Falls on April 16 at 7 pm.

