

Spring Creek Coalition
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 12, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on April 4, 2016 at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, Cheryl Cheadle, Jennifer Owens, and Jessica Spencer. Guests, Martin Rooney and David Martinez, were also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of April Board Minutes: Approved after motion and second.

Treasurer’s Report: Beth reported a balance of \$4,226 as of 05/07. (expenses: \$275 Stream Dynamics Seminar; income: \$200 donation from David Grigsby, \$150 membership and t-shirt sales)

Other: New chicken houses to be built along Spring Creek The Mennonite family, the Bylers, near Thompson Slab, were applying for a loan to put in 4 chicken houses with 5,000 birds in each. However, because of their neighbors’ concerns, they have called off this project. Charles reported that there are several chicken houses on Snake Creek, just upstream from his land where Snake joins Spring Creek. There are regulations regarding the environmental impact of chicken houses such as rules for keeping waste from streams but no regulations against having them. They are regulated by the Oklahoma State Department of Food and Forestry. We talked about doing phosphorous testing below the Snake/Spring Creek confluence. Cheryl may try to do some of the week of May 16.

Goal #1: Build a Coalition:

- Jessica passed out a list of people who have ‘liked’ us on Facebook. Board members are reviewing the list to get a better understanding of who is following us on Facebook and whether they are members.
- June newsletter: articles suggested were: Best Management Practices – spraying (Jennifer), Stream Dynamics Seminar recap (Beth), 5-year plan, response to poll questions (no assignments), new brochure (Beth), Meet Your Neighbor – the Spencers (Beth, possible). Articles are due by May 31.

Goal #2: Science, Mollusk Conservation Meeting David Martinez reported that the best session for a non-scientist to attend would be the Wednesday, May 18, 5pm presentation by George Fulk and Joyce Varner. Cheryl will represent Spring Creek and take care of the snack break we are sponsoring.

Goal #3, Education:

- a. Educational Meeting: We held a good/improve session on our April 16 Stream Dynamics seminar. Some **good** points: attendees appreciated the speaker's expertise and said that they got good information from his presentation. The seminar attracted 5 landowners who had never been to one of our events before. Some **improve** points: work with the speaker to help ensure his/her talk is not too long and not too technical; don't try to do too much (we had 3 events planned for this session and only did one and a half); ask Marie Maggard about fixing the lights in the Peggs Community Center (Beth).
- b. Brochure: Beth passed out printed copies of our new brochure. Jessica took a few to place at Welch's Mercantile; Cheryl took some for the Mollusk meeting. Others should go to Cedar Crest and to potential new members.

Goal #7: Find ways to reduce trash:

- Jennifer will put out the trash barrel at Cave Springs.
- Work with area residents: Beth discussed needs with Jessica and David Spencer at their Little Blue Hole. They are going to put up their own 'no trespassing' signs and have not requested help from SCC.
- Donna told the board about the trash 'interventions' they have held in the past. They consist of a regular clean-up day on a weekend when there are a lot of people at the creek. Some join in. Anyone who wants one gets a hot dog.

Goal #8: Best Management Practices (BMP) Campaign Jennifer outlined for the board her idea of a five-year BMP plan. It should take about 3-5 years to get a GIS map created with data input. The map and data will help us know what needs there are on the creek. Over those five years we should continue educational meetings and articles with a BMP theme to educate ourselves and our members and get us all on the same page.

Other: State Question 777, Right to Farm. Board members discussed their reasons for being against this bill. We feel that this bill will hamper the ability to protect water and thus being against it is in keeping with SCC's mission. We resent the name "Right to Farm" as we feel it will cause people to vote for the bill without knowing anything about it. Jennifer intends to organize a positive campaign to help defeat the bill. We did not come to a specific board position on the bill.

Other:

- a. There was a question of how many watershed land owners SCC represents. Cheryl is going to get us an estimate of the number of people in the watershed. From there we can get percentages by looking at the number of SCC members and newsletter mailings.

- b. Beth reported that Les Combs has heard a rumor regarding a potential dam on Spring Creek for Tulsa drinking water. Cheryl volunteered to look into the legalities of dams on Spring Creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 9, 6:15pm. at the Schusterman Library.

Respectfully submitted by B. Rooney, President