

**Spring Creek Coalition**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**June 9th, 2016**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on Thursday, June 9th at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, Jennifer Owens, Cheryl Cheadle, Casey Ferguson, George Kamp and Jessica Spencer. Guest, Martin Rooney, was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Approval of February Board Minutes:** Approved after motion and second.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Beth reported a balance of \$4,600 as of as of 06/02/16.

**Presentation by ODWC guests:** Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) guests Matt Skoog and Tony Rodger presented their job and objective as Biologists with ODWC. Their presentation included a staff overview, mission statement, their challenge, and their five goals: fish community monitoring, sportfish management (Black Bass, Catfish, and Striped Bass), lower Illinois management, public outreach, and research of fish species.

**Goal #1, Build a Coalition:**

- a. **Preparation of June Newsletter:** The board prepared the June newsletter to be mailed. This mailing included a "Living on the Land" brochure from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Blue Thumb group.
- b. **Population Count:** The board found out that the estimated population of Spring Creek Watershed is 6,431. This included nine regions. The board is unsure if the number is accurate. However, we will use this number to estimate the number of people SCC is reaching by counting the number of newsletters mailed and Facebook followers.
- c. **Ideas for increasing membership and community outreach:** The board discussed potential ways to increase SCC’s membership. These include: giving extra newsletters to Spring Creek Country Store to hand out, checking current members on the mailing list, meeting with different sections of the creek, and finding out whether current landowner plat maps of Spring Creek’s three counties, Mayes, Cherokee and Delaware, can help us update our mailing list. These maps can be purchased at each county courthouse. Jennifer agreed to purchase the Cherokee County map, and the Drurys volunteered to purchase the Mayes County map.

**Goal #2, Science, Congratulate David Martinez on Mollusk Conservation Meeting:**

The board agreed that this successful presentation, for which it contributed 62 dollars worth of snacks, promoted knowledge of Spring Creek Coalition’s existence.

**Goal #3, Education:**

- a. Contacting Conservation Districts: Jennifer has agreed to contact the conservation districts to establish a relationship.
- b. Responding to poll ideas and concerns: The board responded to members' request that SCC make contact with the conservation districts. It responded in the newsletter that the board has made contact with Mayes, Delaware, and Cherokee counties and that they are on the mailing list for the newsletters.

**Goal #7, Trash:**

- a. Cave Springs Barrel: Jennifer put out the trash barrel at Cave Springs. Jessica offered to help remove trash at least once in July when Jennifer will be out of town.
- b. Date for intervention trash pick-up: The board did not decide on a definite date for intervention trash pick-up. Jennifer is proposing Labor Day weekend.

**Goal #8, Best Management Practices, Jennifer's article on sustainable pasture management:** Beth will put Jennifer's article on sustainable pasture management on the SCC website.

**Other:**

- a. Damn in Spring Creek: Cheryl found out it is legal to damn Spring Creek, but that the board needs to check this with GRDA.
- b. No meeting in July: The board will not meet in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **August 11**, at 6:15 p.m. at the Schusterman Library.

Respectfully submitted by C. Ferguson, Secretary.