

Spring Creek Coalition
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 10, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on Thursday November 10th at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, Molly Grigsby, Jessica Spencer, Casey Ferguson, Jennifer Owens, and George Kamp. Guest Martin Rooney was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of October’s Board Minutes: Approved after motion and second.

Treasurer’s Report: Beth reported a balance of \$4,356 as of 11/03/16 (\$176 in calendar sales).

Goal #1: Build a Coalition:

- a. Clean-up at Cooper’s Bridge: The board discussed the Annual trash pickup at Cooper’s Bridge and agreed it was a success to work with the Cedar Crest community. Beth wrote an article on the clean-up for the Tahlequah paper and a reporter wrote an article for the Pryor paper. The board mentioned the possibility of placing caution signs on the road to prevent traffic dangers during future clean-ups.
- b. Annual Meeting: The 2017 annual meeting will be held at Peggs Community Center on January 14th, from 1:00-2:30 pm. Brandon Brown, from ODWC, will be speaking. The topic of his presentation will be the documentary filming on the research done on stonerollers and bass inter-dependencies. The board discussed the possibility of showing a video about how the reintroduction of wolves affected the ecology of Yellowstone’s streams, which we watched; we decided to refer this idea to Brandon Brown. The board also brought up silent auction items.
- c. December Newsletter: The board discussed and assigned articles for December’s newsletter. George Kamp agreed to write an article about the Cooper Bridge clean- up. Jennifer Owen will write an article about the cliff ridge hike.
- d. 2017 Meeting on Conservation Easements: The board voted to sponsor a meeting in spring about conservation easements. Jay Pruett of the Nature Conservancy will be presenting at this meeting.
- e. Bus Tour: The board discussed putting the bus tour on hold until we reconsider the priorities of our goals. There may be more significant goals such as the GIS project that we should pursue first.

Goal #2: Science, GIS Mapping Project with TCC: The board would like to invite the students working on the GIS mapping project to the December meeting to present their work. Jennifer suggested that we offer David Martinez any possible assistance he may need to achieve more with the project.

Goal #5: Board Sustainability: Cheryl Cheadle has decided to leave the board. The board further discussed possible recruits to fill her position. Cindy Sutton, Becky Bell, and possibly a GRDA representative are likely candidates. We also discussed the possibility of increasing board membership to ten or more.

Goal #6: Watershed Wooden Signs: Beth has made contact with the owner of the land where we would like to place a wooden sign but she has not heard back yet. The board further reviewed possible logos for metal signs to be used at King's Curve per suggestion of Jim and Kim Sisk.

Goal #7: Find ways to reduce trash:

- a. Reusable totes: Beth presented Cheryl's recommendations for reusable totes. The board recommended ordering a blank sample to see the quality before deciding to invest.
- b. Facebook: Facebook appears to have been an effective method to deliver the message to not litter, especially at King's Curve.

Other: T-shirts: The board discussed T-shirt preferences. The long-sleeve SCC shirt seems to be most popular.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Our next meeting will Thursday, December 8, at 6:15 p.m. at the Schusterman Library.

Respectfully submitted by C. Ferguson, Secretary.