

Spring Creek Coalition  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 14th, 2017

The annual meeting of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on Saturday, January 14th at Peggs Community Center in Peggs, Oklahoma. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, Jessica Spencer, Casey Ferguson, and Cheryl Cheadle. Science Advisor David Martinez were also present. In addition, approximately 40 members and guests of the coalition attended. President Beth Rooney, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

State of Coalition: Beth reported this year’s accomplishments, including Education (the Cliff Ridge hike, the spring “What Streams Do” seminar, and the Lead-by Example trash pickup at King’s Curve), Collaboration (participating in shared conservation interests and working with Cedar Crest) and Information (newsletters, Peggs Water Company (PWC)).

Collaboration: Beth reported on the invitation of GRDA (Grand River Dam Association), TNC (the Nature Conservancy), ODWC (Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation), and OCC (Oklahoma Conservation Commission) to the August board meeting. The board also collaborated with other conservation organizations to defeat SQ777.

Information: Board members have attended the PWC annual meeting. PWC plans to switch from taking all its water from Spring Creek to taking some from an alternative water source in two years.

GIS mapping of the Watershed: Science advisory committee chairman, David Martinez, worked with a Tulsa Community College (TCC) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) class. Class members created a GIS mapping of the Spring Creek Watershed.

Election: The election of the 2017 board members was held, and all candidates were approved.

Financial statement: Beth reported SCC’s financial status. We have a healthy balance of over \$4,500 in the bank.

Brendon Brown presentation: Brendon Brown of ODWC was our featured speaker. Brown showed a video of fish in Spring Creek and gave a presentation about his partnership with Freshwaters Illustrated to film local ecology of the creek. He also talked about the importance of biodiversity. His presentation was well received by the members.

Silent Auction: A silent auction was held throughout the meeting to raise funds for the coalition.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, at 6:15 p.m. at the Schusterman Library.

Respectfully submitted by C. Ferguson, Secretary.