

Spring Creek Coalition
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 09, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on Thursday, February 9 at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Jennifer Owen, Donna & Charles Drury, Jessica Spencer, Molly Grigsby, and Becky Bell. Guest Martin Rooney was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

President Beth Rooney presented the meeting agenda. The first agenda item to meet Katie Easter (NSU student and SCC Intern) was placed on hold, as Katie couldn’t be present for the meeting.

The next agenda item was addressed, which was to notify that the March meeting had been moved to **Wednesday, March 8** at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last two months’ SCC meetings (December & January). The motion was seconded and the meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer’s report was given, and the bank account balance, as of 1/30/17 was \$5,510. The 2016 officers were approved to carry on in 2017. Beth Rooney is the President and Treasurer, George Kamp is the Vice-President, Casey Ferguson is the Secretary.

Beth Rooney presented the 2017 budget, which was then approved by the board. Beth mentioned that the Peggs Water Council (PWC) annual meeting will be Tuesday, February 21st at 7 PM. Jessica Spencer volunteered to attend to represent SCC.

The Board discussed the Annual Meeting, held on January 14th. Overall, the general opinion was that it was a good turnout for the inclement weather, with 37 attendees. Some of the new attendees were there because of social media and advertising in the Tahlequah paper. That was very positive. There were some suggestions about increasing speaker volume with a microphone system. Also, maybe the spacing could be increased between the silent auction tables to help with traffic flow.

The Spring Newsletter will be going out very soon. If there is anything that needs to go into the newsletter, please give to Beth by February 23. The following will be topics for the newsletter:

- Cheryl Cheadle will recap the annual meeting
- The Spring Education Presentation will be on April 22 on Isopods, Alex Hess, TU will be presenting.
- Conservation Easement Informational Meetings with Jay Pruett, TNC; Dates will be forthcoming.
- Beth Rooney will be recruiting for SCC membership dues
- Additional possible topics suggested were: “Meet Your Neighbor” article on the Spencers – Beth; response to poll questions – Jennifer; Best Management Practices article – Jennifer

GIS Mapping of the Spring Creek Watershed. David Martinez, Science Advisory Committee Chairman, worked with a Tulsa Community College (TCC) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) class. He will be presenting the data and reports in the near future. Beth reported that David feels we will all be able to easily use this system.

The board worked on listing some potential SCC goals for 2017 and longer-term goals of approximately 5 years. Below are potential goals, including science goals submitted by David Martinez:

1 Year

- Build a Coalition
 - Newsletters
 - Education Meetings
 - Community Outings
 - Calendar
 - Trash Cleanups (approx. 2 a year)
- Define our Direction (include paid membership) Landowners/Ranchers vs. Conservationists; purpose: to make sure we don't violate that direction on what we do
- Re-review 2015 poll responses for action items
- Science:
 - Educate ourselves on GIS data, usage and potential use – Board
 - Determine Board position on sharing of the new GIS or smaller products (e.g., maps) derived from it - Board
 - Add more data sets to the GIS – David
 - Assist the Board and others with use of the GIS – David
 - Perhaps a Science Day at the creek, or inclusion of science topics with others at a Field Day at the creek - David

5 Year

- Increase Membership
- Ensure creek quality stays the same as today
 - Resume historic testing sites
 - Continue reviewing other groups data testing (OWRB, Cherokee Nation)
- Create active programs for watershed schools (Peggs, Lowery, Oaks, Leach?)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 6:15-7:45 PM, Schusterman Library, Tulsa.

Respectfully submitted by B. Bell, board member