

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on May 11, 2017 at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, George Kamp, Christine and David Grigsby. Guests Martin Rooney and Science Chair David Martinez were also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. Goal #8: Board Sustainability – The board voted unanimously to appoint David Martinez as director to fulfill Casey Ferguson’s term for 2017.
2. Housekeeping
 - A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve April’s minutes as written.
 - Treasurer Beth Rooney reported a balance as of \$5,270 as of May 5. Changes included income of \$20 dues from Bob Frazier and expenses of \$150 rent to Peggs Community Center for our conservation easement and isopods outing meetings.
 - The board talked about the flooding and damage from April’s rains. David Grigsby has photos of damage at Littlefields/Cave Springs he will send to Jessica for posting on Facebook.
 - Beth presented commemorative gifts for our two student board members, Molly and Casey: necklaces commissioned from jeweler Nancy Hamill that include a piece of Spring Creek shale. Board members signed cards and the Grigsby’s took the gifts to give to the girls.
3. Goal #2: Define our Direction – Landowners/Ranchers vs. Conservationists; The board discussed including more balance between landowners/ranchers and conservationists in our activities. For example, our next ‘Meet Your Neighbor’ could feature ranchers such as the Cispers. David G. mentioned the Deer Management Program he and the Cispers have joined. We decided to continue this discussion when more board members are present.
4. Goal #3: GIS
 - Educate ourselves on GIS data, usage and potential use – next steps; David Martinez will work on getting us access possibly through a password-protected Google Docs. We should be able to get free software with our non-profit status.
 - Using our savings to expand the GIS database: Beth asked David M. and others if they thought we should spend our savings on adding more data/map layers to our base GIS application. Most replied that we first need to identify our needs, and we don’t know yet if this is one of them. An example was given that if our building a coalition is important to us money might be well spent on hosting another gathering like the one held at Robin Perona’s some time ago or the one celebrating our 20th anniversary.
5. Goal #4: Science – David Martinez
 - Intern Katie Easter update – Beth will follow up on what is happening with our intern
 - Kip Heth – Donna will send a note to the Heth family. We will have an article in our June newsletter honoring Kip. We may do more depending on what David recommends.
6. Goal #6: Education - Isopod Outing delay to May 20
 - Advertising – Facebook (Jessica) and email follow-up (Beth) the week before

- set-up help 9:30am – for board members who can make the meeting
 - equipment needs – projector (David), laptop and speaker (Beth); refreshments (Donna)
7. Goal #1: Build a Coalition
- June newsletter: article ideas and assignments; article due date: May 31
 - Watercress – Beth per initial article written by intern Katie Easter
 - Kip Heth - David
 - Isopod Outing recap – not assigned
 - Katie Easter NSU intern – undecided
 - Farming best practices – Jennifer
 - Meet Your Neighbor, Cispers – Beth
 - Birds of Spring Creek – contact Paula Blakely of Cedar Crest if needed
 - Abundance of butterflies this spring
 - Trash
 - Trash barrel at Cave Springs – time to put out; can we get paid help?
Jennifer has put the barrel at Cave Springs. Beth will follow up with Jessica on whether Spencer Cabinets can provide help two or three times per year which SCC can pay for.
 - Lead-by-example clean up
We discussed whether having this second clean-up was necessary. Christine indicated that Cedar Crest would like to repeat our joint effort at Cooper’s Bridge the first Saturday in November. Beth will check with Neal on his availability, and we will discuss the idea of a second cleanup further at our next board meeting.
8. Goal #7: Water Extraction – protect the Creek’s flows – GRDA lunch meeting is being rescheduled.
9. Goal #6: Education – Create active programs for watershed schools, start with Peggs
- a. How can we get started now for a fall implementation? – Beth will ask Jessica if she can work with the Peggs science teacher to determine their needs.
10. Goal #1: Build a Coalition: Increase membership
- a. Statistics on our current membership – Beth showed the board how we track membership using an Excel spreadsheet and statistics on newsletter reach and membership.
 - b. Setting a measurable goal – consensus was that we should concentrate on increasing our reach (newsletter mailings) rather than paid membership. A 10% goal was suggested which would mean 25 additional newsletter mail/emails by the end of 2017.
 - c. Ideas on how – deferred due to lack of time
 - d. What does membership mean? Should it have privileges? – deferred due to lack of time
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 9, 6:15-7:45 PM, Schusterman Library (2nd Thurs of each month)