

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2017

8 of 9 Board Members were present along with guest, Martin Rooney. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

1. Housekeeping

- Thank-you from Casey – Board member Jessica Spencer read a note from Casey Ferguson thanking all for her time on the board as well as for the necklace we gave her.
- Approval of June minutes – approved as written
- Treasurer’s report: bank balance as of 08/05/15: \$5,228 (Income: \$19 membership; Expense: \$203 newsletter print)
- Mid-year review of budget: we are on track with our budget for 2017

2. Goal #1: Build a coalition

- Fall clean-up event, Saturday, Nov 4: Cooper’s Bridge (with Cedar Crest); we will send a contingent to King’s Curve also. Jim Sisk took a look at Cooper’s Bridge and said it was a mess. The Drury’s have two traffic safety cones they will bring.
- Cave Springs Trash Barrel – Jennifer reported that her daughter’s boyfriend secured a new barrel and has been helping keep it up this summer. She said some have been using the barrel, some not, and that this area could also use some help.
- Community Outing: Three Springs Farm outing set for Saturday, October 21, for 10am-noon, bring your own lunch.
- Fall newsletter: article suggestions; articles needed by August 30;
 - Clean-up Event, Nov 4 - Beth
 - Three Springs Farm outing, Oct 21 - Beth
 - Article on Emily Oakley (co-owner of Three Spring Farm), “Significant Women in Agriculture” – Beth has secured permission to reprint it from the OK Dept. of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
 - Reply to poll questions – Beth & Jennifer to review to see what would be appropriate for the newsletter
 - Intern project on gastropods (snails & slugs) – Katie Easter
 - A landowner article – Jennifer
 - Request for help from membership for a school liaison - Beth
 - Articles due by August 30 to Beth
- Increase newsletter outreach by 10%
 - Mayes County landowners to contact – Charles presented a list of 6 new landowners from his review of the Mayes County plat map. Addresses will need to be researched on the internet as none of them could be found in his phone book.
 - Order plat maps for Delaware, Cherokee Counties – Beth will order these additional plat maps online.
 - Beth presented stats on our growth in membership, make-up, and newsletter outreach since 2010. Membership has increased by 103%, reach by 51%. 82% of our members are Life members.
 - Jennifer discussed ways to increase landowner membership (as opposed to newsletter outreach). Board members should make an effort to reach out to landowners they know, and it was suggested that we send out a reminder to pay

dues late spring; most members renew at the annual meeting or by mail early in the year.

- Facebook: ideas for postings? Beth will send Jessica a picture to update our Facebook cover photo. Jessica said her family has plans to buy a Go-Pro camera which may provide her with some good pictures for posting during slow times.
 - Calendar pictures: we reviewed a set of potential pictures and chose favorites. For those who would still like to submit a picture, send to Beth by August 30.
3. Goal #4: Science
 - GIS Update – Beth to send David a copy of our 501(c)3 status so that he can secure free software.
 - David reported that Brandon Brown is working with a film maker to finish production of a film that tells the story of Ozark streams. Brandon would like Spring Creek to be part of this film. There is no indication at this time of how SCC might help.
 - Honor Kip Heth, picture & frame update – Jennifer brought a stack of pictures with Kip in them that might be appropriate.
 - Intern project on gastropods (snails & slugs) – Katie Easter reported that she took counts at two sites, Jennifer's and Jessica's. She has the GPS coordinates so this data can be entered into the SCC GIS site. The Cherokee Nation has stopped funding scholarships, but Katie would like to continue this research on her own. It was suggested that she also sample at Snake Creek. No analysis was done on whether the amount of snails she found is good or bad but the numbers will serve as a baseline.
 4. Goal #6: Education
 - Work with local schools, reach out to Peggs – Jennifer still plans to do this for this fall. Jeri Fleming of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission has agreed that they would help with whatever is needed.
 5. Goal #9: Review Website, its purpose and content – Katie accepted an assignment to review our website and come back with a good/improve list at the next board meeting. Katie was chosen in order to get a young person's view.
 6. Mid-year 2017 goals review – We reviewed our 2017 goals. Many are well on their way to completion or completed, others are in progress, and some have not been started. President Rooney congratulated the board on doing a good job, especially considering that we are all volunteers. Concerning goal #8, Board Sustainability, we are currently at our goal of 9 board members. However, three are interim members taking the place of those who had to leave the board early (Casey, Molly, and Becky Bell). So we will need to revisit this goal in November and see who is willing to continue long term.
 7. Other: Katie is the President of the Fish & Wildlife student group at NSU. As such she can help provide students for activities.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 6:15-7:45 PM, Schusterman Library