

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on October 12, 2017, at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, George Kamp, Jessica Spencer, David Grigsby, Christine Grigsby, and David Martinez. Guest Martin Rooney also was present. Everyone expressed sympathy for Katie Easter’s accident and wished her a speedy recovery. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

1. Housekeeping

- Volunteer to take minutes: David Martinez volunteered to take minutes.
- Approval of last month’s minutes: Kamp/Spencer moved/seconded to approve as distributed; unanimous approval.
- Treasurer’s report: balance as of 10/05/16: \$4,788 (\$196 stamps; \$230 newsletter print)

2. Goal #6: Education – Create active programs for watershed schools.

- School outreach: Beth reported on the success of the Peggs School field trip and projected several photos from the event. It was attended by twenty-two 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and two school leaders. The school responded positively to the outing and was receptive to eating campfire hotdogs provided by the Drurys and Jennifer.
- Assessment: Based on the very positive response from the school, it was felt the SCC should repeat this event, but possibly rotate it among 3 schools in the watershed.

3. Goal #1: Build a coalition

- Calendars: Beth displayed the 2018 calendars. At this point, she had 25 of the regular size printed, and 50 of the mini-calendars. These are priced at \$12.00 for the regulars; \$6.00 for the minis.
- Three Springs Farm outing October 21: The plans for this outing were briefly reviewed.
- Increase newsletter reach by 10% (25 newsletters): Beth displayed a map she had made in support of this objective. The map showed locations of current recipients in the watershed and prospective additions to the mailing list, based on property locations close to the creek of people not already on the mailing list. We sent those prospective additions copies of the new newsletter with a promotional insert.
- Annual meeting Saturday, January 13: Discussion of suggested speakers showed strongest support for Dan Sullivan, CEO of the Grand River Dam Authority. Board members present agreed that Beth should proceed with requesting Mr. Sullivan to speak at our annual meeting.

4. Goal #1: Build a coalition -- Fall Clean-up: Cooper’s Bridge/King’s Curve

- The experience of the last cleanup was briefly reviewed (27 adults, 4 children). Some had worked by canoes or kayaks. A desire was expressed to increase the amount of materials recycled from the cleanup, and a suggested way of supporting that was to appoint “recycling captains” to each cleanup team.
- Also discussed was whether and how to work 2 sites, with an eventual consensus to attempt a main team at Cooper’s Bridge and a sub-team at King’s Curve.

- Other details discussed included publicizing the cleanup by e-mail and through Facebook; that Neal Russel was exploring the idea of using biodegradable trash sacks; and a recommendation to use traffic cones or other hazard markers at the Cooper's Bridge site.
5. Goal #4: GIS – David reported that after applying for non-profit registration, ESRI had responded with a request for more justification of our non-profit status. Basically, ESRI wants greater and more recent documentation of the IRS's recognition of SCC's non-profit status. Beth offered to review our previous efforts to obtain IRS certification to help evaluate whether we want to pursue this.
  6. Goal #8: Board Sustainability for 2018 -- Beth had begun contacting current board members to assess their willingness to continue on the board into the future. Because this item was still in progress, Beth will give a more complete report at the November board meeting.
  7. Other – Beth announced the following:
    - December meeting: This will occur on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> because of a conflict already scheduled in the library meeting room on the second Thursday.
    - New TU Biology Student: Dr. Ron Bonnett notified Beth of a new biology student he is supervising: Madison Herrboldt. It is Bonnett's hope to have her do some work on Spring Creek on grotto salamanders. Beth and Martin took Madison to several sites and she has selected Lucky Spring and Cave Springs as sites she would like to study. She has obtained landowner approval.
    - Drew Edmondson reception: Beth had been notified of a political reception for Drew Edmondson, former Oklahoma Attorney General and candidate for Governor. Beth would be unable to attend the October 25 reception and was seeking other board members who might be able to represent the SCC. David and George agreed to consider it.
    - Kip Heth tribute: Current ideas centered around a gift to the family incorporating photos of Kip at Spring Creek. Board members involved were still in the process of assembling available photos of Kip, and further discussion was postponed.
    - Spavinaw Creek trout stocking. Beth had become aware of a proposal to stock rainbow trout into Spavinaw Creek. Because of SCC's historical involvement with a similar proposal, there was a question of whether we would take a position on the proposal, even though it was planned for a waterbody other than Spring Creek. After some discussion, Beth offered to collect more information and draft a position for the board's consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 6:15-7:45 PM, Schusterman Library