

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on December 7, 2017, at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, George Kamp, Jessica Spencer, Charles Drury, Donna Drury, and David Martinez. Guest Martin Rooney also was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

1. Volunteer to take minutes: Beth
2. Goal #8: Board Sustainability: Rick Brattin was not able to attend but will be at our January 13 annual meeting; Katie Easter confirmed that she has an NSU student for the board.
3. Goal #1: Build a coalition – We prepared the newsletters for mailing
4. Housekeeping
 - Approval of last month’s minutes - approved
 - Treasurer’s report: balance as of 12/03/17: \$4,477 (\$202 calendar sales; \$70 Calendar expense - 5 additional full-sized calendars were ordered)
5. Goal #1: Build a coalition – Annual meeting
 - Saturday, January 13th, 1:00-2:30pm, Peggs Community Center, Dan Sullivan, CEO GRDA speaker
 - Silent Auction items – members asked to contribute auction items if possible; Beth will check with past donors such as Three Springs Farm.
 - We reviewed items that are needed at the annual meeting (projector, extension cords, petty cash box, etc.) and who would bring them.
 - Encourage attendance – board members are urged to talk up the meeting and encourage those you know to attend
 - Advertise: Press releases, email reminders, & website – Beth; Facebook – Jessica
 - Agenda – we reviewed the agenda we traditionally have as well as Jennifer’s idea to conduct a session on the poll responses the purpose being to show the strength of our organization to GRDA. The board consensus was to stick with the traditional agenda and not try to add in a session on the poll responses.
 - Day-of Assignments – Those who are able are asked to arrive around 12 noon to help with setup. Jessica agreed to oversee the silent auction. Beth will contact Neal and Cheryl Cheadle to verify their help.
6. Goal #3: Science –
 - Commemorative plaque for Robert “Kip” Heth – The plaque commemorating Kip Heth was presented. Board members were very pleased with it. Thank you, Jennifer. David will contact the Heth family to see how we can best present this gift.
 - Request to spend \$275 to obtain official designation as a 501(C)3 for GIS software, future donations/grants – The board unanimously approved \$275 needed to file paperwork for SCC to obtain an official 501(C)3 designation from the IRS.
7. Other
 - Meeting with Drew Edmondson, OK gubernatorial candidate – David told the board about the meet and greet session he went to for OK gubernatorial candidate Drew Edmondson. David said that Drew is a longshot to win the election since he is a Democrat; David also reminded us that as a 501(C)3, SCC cannot endorse or campaign for candidates. He did speak to Drew about Spring Creek.

- Response to trout stocking in Spavinaw update – Our letter taking a stance against issuing a permit to stock trout in Spavinaw Creek was sent to key personnel at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Beth showed the board Brandon Brown’s positive response to our taking a stand.
8. Review of 2017 Goals/Accomplishments – Board members read through our 2017 goals together. We completed 7 of our 9 goals, a great accomplishment. Work on our other two goals, both involving our GIS software, is in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. Our next regular board meeting is Thursday, **February 8, 2018**, 6:15-7:45 PM, Schusterman-Benson Library.