

Swatara Watershed Association Board Meeting
Minutes from May 4, 2022

Call to Order/Attendance: President Canner called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present were Bethany Canner, Jack Stouffer and Fred Folmer. Association member Jo Ellen Litz was also in attendance. There were no other persons present.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Corrected minutes from the meeting held on April 6, 2022 had previously been emailed. Lacking a quorum of board members, there was no vote for approval.

Finance: The treasurer's report for April, 2022 was not yet available. Upon receipt it will be emailed, reviewed and subject to audit.

Old Business:

Swatara Watershed Park: On April 9th, 300 trees were planted in the park. On April 23rd there were 8 volunteers from United Way Day of Caring. Lots of trash, tree branches and scrap metal were gathered for disposal. The metal collected was later taken to the scrap yard by Folmer and sold for \$62.00. At the park entrance, the upper end of the culvert drainpipe was dug out by Mike Adams. The pipe is intact and not crushed. Its condition and functioning will be kept under observation to determine if replacement is necessary.

Bordner Cabin: Also on April 23rd, there were some dozen United Way Day of Caring volunteers at the cabin and supervised by Litz. There was a litter pickup around the cabin, a cleaning out of the fireplace and the inside of the cabin was swept. A section of balcony railing was replaced and a repair made to the stairs railing. There was no update from the meeting President Canner and Vice President Adams had with Swatara State Park Supervisor Courtney Troutman concerning repair of the cabin foundation and any possible repairs needed on the roof. It was noted that Supervisor Troutman had provided for three seasonal port-a-potties at various locations in the park to supplement the one which the Swatara Watershed Association (SWA) provides at the cabin.

Swatara Water Trail: Canner reported that all expenses for the Swatara Sojourn held on May 1st were more than covered by grants, donations and participant fees. There were 36 participants in 31 canoes/kayaks. A significant amount of trash and some 18 vehicle tires were removed from the creek between SWA Park and Boat House landing. Although there was no grant from POWR this year, there were numerous other donations. (See the attached addendum.) In addition to what is listed, the following other donations were gratefully received: Visit Lebanon Valley (VLV) and the SWA provided, on a 50/50 basis, a branded case containing a reusable set of eating utensils for each participant. Chocolate bars were provided by the Hershey Corporation. Besides her food donation, Jo Ellen Litz also transported the food to the lunch site. A \$104 check was received from the Derry Township Recycling Committee. The Master Watershed Stewards provided reusable, steel drinking straws with cleaning brush and carry pouch.

New Business:

SWA Park: The summer camping season began on May 1st and as of May 4th there were 16 camping sites rented. Four of those campers have volunteered to mow grass. Lisa Hetzel, a Master Watershed Steward, has volunteered to be a part time park ranger, mostly on the weekends. Canner coordinated a live stake tree planting following the meeting. Folmer used a barnyard magnet to remove nails and screws from the wood pile burning area.

Bordner Cabin: An ADA complaint was recently received from Beth McKelvie, who is wheel chair bound, to make the cabin handicapped accessible. It was noted that the cabin predates the ADA and that the terrain surrounding the cabin makes it impossible to be compliant to required specifications. Any modifications would also run counter to having the cabin placed on the historical sites registry.

Swatara Water Trail: Canner recently attended a meeting of the Susquehanna Basin Water Trail Manager Meeting to brainstorm/discuss ideas with other water trails managers. One suggestion was having "pop up paddles" - a kind of kayaking "flash mob" utilizing social media.

Errata:

Donations					
Sheetz	\$200	plus subs and cookies			
Jonestown Borough	\$100				
Cherry St Apts	\$50				
Visit Leb Valley	\$1,000	(not just for sojourn, need to get breakdown)			
Participant Fees	\$935				
Total	\$2,285				
Grants -(Must be submitted for reimbursement)			Breakdown of American Water Grant		
American Water via Lehigh WA	\$810		Toilets	260	
			Transportaion	300	
			Signage	100	
			Rental Fees	150	
In kind donations					
GLRA		Tire and trash disposal			
Cocoa Kayak		Guides, transportation			
Bethany Canner		Transportaion, Trailer			
Jo Ellen Litz		Chips, Fruit			
Fred Folmer		Tow vehicle for trailer			
Expenses					
Sams Club (breakfast)	\$121.68				
Weis (Drinks)	\$39.32				
Blose's Signs (banner)	\$85.00				
Utensil Sets	\$305.58				
Total	\$551.58				

Due to the recent double drowning tragedy at the City of Lebanon Authority low head dam intake near Jonestown, it was suggested that there be bilingual signage at the property. The feeling was that if pursued, this suggestion be followed up on an informal basis only.

A possible fall fund raiser was discussed. The consensus favored having the Food & Brew as was done prior to the outbreak of covid.

On May 5th, President Canner will be meeting with the PA American Water Company re future partnership/support. On July 15th she will be making a presentation at

the South Hanover Township Senior luncheon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, SWA Secretary