

**YELLOW BREECHES WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Draft)
September 13, 2006**

Attendance: Rich Pugh, Jake Roming, John Eby, Vince McCollum, Bob Edwards, Dave Martineau, Jen Hoffman, and Gary Mullen.

Guests: Dabielle Cioce and Andrea Korman, Dickinson College LUCE Program

Meeting Location: Lower Allen Community Park Barn

Meeting Summary

Meeting call to order: 6:15 p.m.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Vince McCollum to approve minutes from June 14, 2006. Seconded by Jake Roming. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Provided by John Eby for John Brossman. As of August 21, 2006 a balance of \$2,227,07 was recorded. No outstanding bills or checks.

President's Report – Rich Pugh

- Rich received a copy of the **adopted Land Partnerships Plan from Cumberland County Planning Commission**. YBWA had provided comments on the plan and a letter of support for the plan.
- **CBF Watershed Expo 7/6/06 at Fort Hunter** was well attended and the YBWA had good publicity at this event.
- **Expedition Susquehanna** – The YBWA agreed to sponsor **Kisha Flawd CVFFA project**. Vince McCollum is YBWA's coordinator and is overseeing Ms. Flawd's efforts. Ms. Flawd needs to send a project idea to the CBF by October with a project due date by next summer. One project noted was a liming project for Mt. Creek and a need for a schedule on a liming hopper. Don Thorpe, ALLARM, is a person that can help in this effort.
- **Boiling Springs Civic Association** – a copy of 7/12/06 letter sent to PFBC concerning problems with Children's Lake. Algae has increased and water quality is degrading.
- **PA American Water Company** – Blue Fridays Program has selected YBWA for September.
- **WAY 4th Annual Watershed Weekend 9/23-9/24** – Jake Romig discussed the programs in York County and suggested that WAY could help YBWA become more active in York County. YBWA should consider participation in the 2007 program. A handout was provided presenting this year's program.

Committee Reports

Public Education & Outreach Committee Report – John Eby

- **Appalachian Audubon Society Forever Wild Concert Event** will be held on September 23, 2006. Announcement will be on the YBWA website. Rich Pugh will attend with the exhibit.
- Suggested items for the **Fall Newsletter** include a President's message, list of this summer's events, stream clean up, the Forever Wild Concert, board election ballots, and membership. Rich will send letter to Art Sconing on his intention to be on ballot.
- The next **annual meeting announcement** to be held at Lower Allen Park Barn on October Tuesday, October 24, 2006, which will be the **5th Year Anniversary Celebration**. Rich Pugh will provide a free gift to the first 70 attendees. Program and speaker ideas include Presidents Report, Water Trail Update, and Mt. Rock Creek Presentation.
- Sherron Bittle, Messiah College, asked the YBWA to provide a presentation to her art class on an overview of the watershed.
- POWR's annual meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10, 2006 from 12 to 4 p.m.

Motion by John Eby that the annual meeting include a meal for attendees with funds not to exceed \$200. Seconded by Jake Romig. Motion passed unanimously.

Projects & Monitoring Committee Report – Jayson Romig

A meeting will be held in October to discuss projects and review the RCP to identify projects to carry forward. **Water Trail Project Update-** a draft package was sent to the Water Trail Workgroup. The next meeting of the workgroup will be announced for comment. Rich Pugh indicated that we need to obtain agreements and proceed with negotiating and executing simple agreements with Messiah College, United Water, Liberty Forge and Lower Allen Township Authority. A discussion ensued on public access agreements and what the PFBC needs in order to post sites as access points along the water trail on the guide. The Lower Allen Park at Beacon Hill noted as site C3 was removed from the trail map. Lower Allen Township received acknowledgement to proceed for a fish and boat access facility at the Lower Allen Community Park. Bid opening on October 9, 2006 for construction of facility.

Motion by John Eby to allow Rich Pugh on behalf of YBWA to pursue discussion with property entities to obtain access agreements. Seconded by Vince McCollum. Motion passed (note: proxy vote was provided to Rich Pugh by John Brossman)

Membership & Fundraising Committee Report – Dennis Auker

- **Membership Status and Renewals.** Dennis was not present. Discussion ensued on an active follow up on membership renewals.

Other News:

Trout Run Initiative Update – Dennis Auker

No Report

Cedar Run Initiative Update – Donna Morelli

No Report

Mountain Creek Initiative Update – Ami Gulden

No Report

Dogwood Run Initiative Update – Sally Holbert

No Report

Dickinson College – new student project. Students from Dickinson College discussed the Mountain Creek study of macroinvertebrates, nutrients, diatoms, and bacteria. The project involved stream sections around the Land-O-Lakes and Mount Holly Springs STP. The discussion lead to concerns over significant environmental degradation issues noted in the study.

Motion made by John Eby to authorize the YBWA President to send a letter to appropriate PADEP contacts raising concerns about discharges from the Land-O-Lakes facility and documented impacts in the Dickinson Mt. Creek Study. The President should obtain input from Vince McCollum as representative from the Cumberland County Conservation District. Seconded by Gary Mullen. (Point of order by Bob Edwards noting the need for quorum due to an earlier departure of board member, therefore Ami Gulden was reached by phone for her vote, and a proxy vote from John Brossman. A quorum was reached and motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on a tributary to Spruce Run in Dickinson & South Middleton Twps on State Forest Land. This area drainage a mature hemlock watershed and turkey propagation area. Gary Mullen noted persistent ATV & 4-Wheel Traffic destroying natural conditions of the area and discussed this with Wayne Cober a local resident. The traile is gated, yet vehicles trespass this gate.

Motion made by Gary Mullen to authorize the YBWA President to send a letter to PA Forestry in Fayetteville that YBWA recognizes a problem in this area and what is the intent of PA Forestry to investigate and remedy this issue. Second by John Eby. (Point of order by Bob Edwards noting the need for quorum due to an earlier departure of board member, therefore Ami Gulden was reached by phone for her vote, and a proxy vote from John Brossman. A quorum was reached and motion passed unanimously.

Gary Mullen noted that on Labor Day, 50 yds NW of Mt. Saw Road at Kings Gap a green plume (Algae??) occurrence was forwarded to PADEP Emergency Response. PADEP Emergency Response came to the location, but did not take a sample.

Announcement that WAY has \$500 mini-grants.

Motion to adjourn by John Eby and seconded by Vince McCollum. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34 p.m.

Next Board Meeting – December 13, 2006 – Mt. Holly Library