

YELLOW BREECHES WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Approved)
June13, 2007

Attendance: John Eby Bill Apgar, John Brossman Dennis Auker, Wayne Kobler, Ami Gulden, Bob Edwards.

Stevie Lewis and Julie Vastine from ALLARM

Meeting Location: Mt. Holly Springs, Amelia Given Library

Meeting Summary

Meeting call to order: 6:10 p.m.

Minutes: *No action taken on minutes from March 14, 2007 as a quorum.*

Treasurer's Report –John Brossman provide the report for the current balance in Commerce Bank checking account including interest posted and all checks cleared as of the May 15, 2007 statement is \$2,903.08. On March 26 the \$234 payment to POWR for membership and insurance was made and has cleared. On April 7 a payment of \$119.78 was made to HAAS Printing for membership cards and has cleared. No additional bills for payment have been received.

President's Report – John Eby

- **CVTU GGII grant 2 dam removals-** John Eby spoke to Ms. Bablets, property owner, on Green Lane Farm dam site about property access and dam removal. John noted that dam work is moving along. ALLARM provides pre- and post- monitoring of dam removal projects and can provide guidance to volunteer monitoring.
- **Carroll Township/WalMart-citizens concern on Dogwood Run-** Citizens group have sued Carroll Twp.
- **Correspondence-**
 - o Annual invite to statewide summit of Watershed Volunteers
 - o United Water Newsletter provided feature on Trout Day
 - o YBWA is welcomed to the July 18th Tour of United Water
 - o Sent letter of Support to Kirk Stoner, Cumberland County Planning, in support of Water Resources Management Initiative.
 - o Sent letter of support to David Foster for stream restoration project in Messiah College.
 - o Received PADEP letter on toxics reduction evaluation for PCBs at Huntsdale Fish Hatchery indicating a PCB level of 1.2 mg/kg in a downstream sample prompting a six meal per year advisory. Discussion ensued on N and P cap loads on Huntsdale.
- **MOU with CAPSEC re: Monitoring program.** Refer to 6-11-07 CAPSEC/YBWA MOU. Consensus to proceed. Bill Apgar to make appropriate changes in MOU and e-mail revised MOU to John Eby. John Eby will pass along to YBWA Board.
- **Revised Meeting and Event Calendar-**Sept 12 @ Lower Allen Community Park; December 12 @ Mt. Holly Springs. Annual meeting in October-need a place to conduct meeting in order to provide notice.

Committee Reports

Public Education & Outreach Committee Report – John Eby

- **Need volunteer to chair.** JOHN NEEDS A VOLUNTEER TO LEAD EFFORT. This is the second request. As John Eby has taken on duties of President another member needs to step up to chair this committee.
- **Newsletter update-** Assistance needed from Pat Devlin. John is trying to link up with Pat Devline.
- **Web Site Update-** Vince McCollum is moving on to another position at the Conservation District. A new person will be interviewed for Watershed Specialist position. YBWA will need to coordinate web site tasks with the new Watershed Specialist.
- **United Water Trout Day-** YBWA received \$300 in donations
- **Participation in LAT Community Picnic-**will be covered.

Projects & Monitoring Committee Report – Jayson Romig & Bill Apgar

- **Water Trail Project Update-**water trail guide on Cumberland County website; signage ordered for water trail; a guide should be published in 2008; work still needed at United Water for an access agreement; Lower Allen Township to provide boat access in park.
- **Annual watershed monitoring report-**Bill reported that group has completed work on macroinvertebrates and water quality and working with a QA/QC program. There is a training session on August 11th on QA/QC. Will drop SO₄ analyses. Group will begin working with a colorimeter for water quality analyses. Welcome new member on team: Leon Oberdick.
- **CAPSEC/YBWA roadside cleanup-**PA Cleanways stream clean up on the Letort south of Spring Garden. Lisburn Cleanup-Fall timeframe to remove the gathered waste from a previous clean up from the Lisburn Fire Company property.

Membership & Fundraising Committee Report – Dennis Auker

- **Membership Status and Renewals-** Membership cards are out in the mail. Dennis Auker noted a membership roll of 50 members: 40 on active status and 10 on non-active status. Dennis will provide John Eby with an update membership distribution list.

Other Updates

Trout Run Initiative Update – No updates

Cedar Run Initiative Update – No update on watershed study.

Mountain Creek Initiative Update – No report. Need to find out if there will be a flow up study this fall.

Dogwood Run Initiative Update – No update

Spruce Run- Wayne Kobler spoke of a May 4th meeting with Mike Kusko, District Forester; Gary Zimmerman; and Larry Barrack, Asst Zoning Officer in Dickinson Township. The goal is a partnership on Dickinson Township and Micheau State Forest to address erosion and trespassing issues. A hidden camera took a picture of a license plate associated with the destructive activity in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next Board Meeting – September 12, 2007, Lower Allen Community Park Barn