

NNWB Board Minutes - September 5, 2018

In Attendance: Anne Ambler, Kristin Backert, Suzanne Donohue, Michael Evans, James Graham, Larry Hush, Laura Turbe.

- **Agenda Review/Changes to draft:**

- Minutes from previous meeting should note “Maurie”, not “John”
- Upcoming should include Weed Warriors
- 9/22 cleanup is now 9/23
- Added 10/5 PG DOE Summit

- **Treasurer’s Report:**

- Balance \$5075.74. A few PayPal transactions and payment to State Farm.
- Correction – “December 31” date under Addendum should be “September 5”
- Membership - When is best time for membership push?
 - Board Members need to pay dues. Some monies still coming in based on last drive. Need visibility into how dues are spent.
 - Report shows trend of declining balance, but low expenses. Financial planning needed.
- Board approved Treasurer’s Report.

- **Upcoming:**

- Sept 8 GW Cleanup – West Hyattsville Metro, 12:30PM – 4:00PM.
 - Maurie leading; Laura and James to help.
 - James to bring waders.
- Sept 23 Lamberton Tributary Cleanup, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
 - Laura leading. Contacted Jennifer Chambers who will attend.
 - Laura to send out FB invite.
 - Problems at the bridge with drug use, trash.
- Larry to check on possible cleanup at Burnt Mills on 10/6
 - Restoration in that area may be blocking access.
- Kristen & Michael to check on possible cleanup at Broad Acres in November.
 - Nearby apartments result in a lot of trash. Could be good jumping off point.
- Sewer Markers
 - Anne found box of approx. sewer markers with glue. This could be used anywhere within watershed.
 - Good service project; possibly the scouts or with a neighborhood assn.
 - Anne to check on getting new glue from Ana at DEP.
- Oct 13 Festival Del Rio in Bladensburg, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - No official position; need to get a table. Speaking Spanish is a plus.
 - James will be there. Laura will check calendar.
- Monthly Meeting Speakers
 - Anne out of town starting Sept 11. October speaker needs to be lined up quickly for announcement.
 - Ideas: Snake expert, Seasonal wildlife, Deer management, “Green” voting

- James will check with Brookside about a naturalist.
 - Laura will follow-up on Deer Management contact.
 - Michael could potentially speak about his dissertation (19th century American writers informing ecological understanding) in the spring.
- Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grants
 - DEP grant; application due 9/27. Partner with a church or neighborhood assn.
 - NNWB has received grants or as fiscal agent in past.
 - Application can be onerous; requires recipient engages in formal fundraising.
 - Only 3 weeks away. Consider as part of financial planning/strategy for next year.
- Weed Warriors
 - Kristen, Michael, and Laura now certified. Laura met Kemp Mill resident who is also certified.
 - No supervisor training at this time; need to be certified for at least 1 year anyhow.
 - Certified WWs can go out without a supervisor; any uncertified volunteers on a site require a supervisor be present. Larry could supervise.
 - Suggested sites: Underground RR area in Sandy Spring, Lambertson Drive heading south, Rachel Carson heading north
 - Area with high visibility would be good. Demonstrate progress over time.
 - Kristin, Michael, and Laura will coordinate on a site.
- **Status Check – DEFERRED DISCUSSION**
- **Next Steps: Strategic plan – DEFERRED DISCUSSION**
- **Review of Calendar beyond NNWB – Highlights**
 - Sept 6 – 9 AWS Bioblitz, Use of iNaturalist app.
 - Sept 11 AWCAC Meeting & Potluck in Bladensburg
 - Oct 16 AFF Trash Summit at GMU, focused on plastics reduction