

**Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance
Meeting Agenda
March 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm
Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area**

Call To Order

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Financial Transactions

- Donation to Screen Arts Institute (\$150)
- Lease @ AOAA \$100 monthly (pay quarter in full, \$300)
- Raise the Region \$1550 in donations received.
- PayPal \$150 for membership renewals

Old Business

- SCRA Officers and Director positions open
- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project (GG+)
 - Kulpmont Borough will be bidding project
 - Design 75% complete
 - Rain garden to be added at 8th street since original budget included the cost for 7th street which is complete.
- EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting April 17th @ 9:15 via Microsoft Teams. Any member is welcome to join.
- DEP EE Grant
 - April Event – Rain Garden Planting coal region history agenda form previous years.
 - May Event – Green Building Techniques
 - Estimate of 60-70 student at each event
 - Partner letters sent.
 - Will April 21st with a rain date of April 28th work for the **Coal Mining History and Environmental Impacts project?**
 - Will May 19th with a rain date of May 26th work for the **Veterans Memorial Field Green Building Techniques and Rain Garden Build?**
 - Mark Stansbury may be able to make signs for both projects.
- ARIPPA Project
 - Future projects? Application currently open
- DCED Grant
 - Bonding

- Final Signatures
- Municipality Engagement
 - Senator Casey's help
 - Send membership letter to municipalities.
- University Projects
 - Professor Higgins working with Cliff Denholm Stream Restoration Incorporated
- Rebuilding Shamokin City Workshop
 - Successful event.
 - Follow-up meeting with interested individuals ongoing.
 - March 30th meeting at Library
- Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence
 - Application submitted.
 - No winners announced yet.
 - Presentation dinner April 25th
- Venn Access Weir
 - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization.
 - Display sign.
- PA Association of Watersheds
 - Grant request submitted.
- Bucknell intern approved for additional GIS work (Ben Shimer).
 - Ben returns to class Jan 16 – who can meet with him to discuss goals?
- Degenstein Foundation
 - Grant submitted Monday 12-12-22, no update
- 2023 Membership Mailing.
 - Letter needs to be written
 - Who do we want to send them to beyond membership list?
- Art Students Writing and Directing Cartoon about SCRA
 - Mark Stansberry
 - Winning Prize
 - How many teams?
 - 3-\$50 prizes for winners
- AmeriCorps Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
 - Approval of expanded coverage area complete
 - Draft assignments needed reviewed.
- Discuss surface restoration RFQ
- Carbon Run Stream Assessment and Restoration Plan
- Addition funding sources:
 - Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (we will be working with POWR) Possibly ask for funding gap in DCED grant.
 - Williams (application submitted)
 - UNB (letter sent)

New Business

- New SCRA letterhead available.
- New 2023 membership application available
- SABER Newsletter
 - Drafted letter for their publication.
- EPA Funding
 - Weekly planning meetings
 - Resiliency plan task force, Far Better Together, Shamokin Community Gardens
 - \$500 K for staff. SCRA lead applicant.
 - \$1 million for job corps. Shamokin City is applicant.
- Removal of Box Culvert Quaker Run
 - Working directly with BAMR
- United States Department of Energy
 - Potential grants
 - Katy Murphy
- Continued Involvement with Environmental Resiliency Plan Projects
- Susquehanna Coal Company
 - ARIPPA Grant?
 - Kulpmont Wetlands
- Rare Earth Minerals
- POWR
 - Invited to conference on Sunday Oct 29th and Monday Oct 30th
- River Greenways Outdoor Expo
 - June 3rd
- DOE engagement
 - Katy Murphy
 - Coal Communities
- Rivernetwork.org
 - Technical assistance for building organization participation.
- Earth Day Events
 - AOAA Trash Clean Up (W/ Tread Lightly) - ??
 - Susquehanna River Clean Up - April 23rd
 - Rosalind Kane Day – April 22nd
 - Informal Kulpmont Park Clean-up - ??
 - Metal Mania – April 22nd

Adjournment

- Next meeting – April 11th, 2023