

SCRA
Regular Meeting
April 26th, 2022
6:30pm
Degenstein Community Library

Attendance

- Jim Koharski, Heather Makal, Joseph Dowkus, John Bucanelli, Susan Zaner, Georgine Dudeck, Bill Dudeck, Kurt Karlovich, Chuck Kline, Ben Paul, Jeff Herb, Charlene Herb, Douglas Fessler, Angela Meck, Stephen Motyka, Aaron Clauser, Steve Chrismer

Correspondence

- Nothing worth noting

Treasurers Report

- Grant Account 501
 - Previous Balance: \$55,849.90
 - New Balance: \$45,705.16
- Account 201
 - Previous Balance: \$1,618.49
 - New Balance: \$1,189.84
- CD 275
 - Previous Balance: \$7,141.78
 - New Balance: \$7,142.05
- CD 282
 - Previous Balance: \$9,026.01
 - New Balance: \$9,026.70

Note: balance is as of March 27th. Deposits have been made since (donations, membership, Williams Gas, etc.)

Financial Transactions

- Motion made to reimburse Heather Makal for mailing expenses
 - Staples: \$52.95
 - US Post Office: \$46.70
- Motion made to reimburse Stephen Motyka for postage
 - US Post Office: \$348.00
- DEP Check for Quaker Run Permit
 - \$500
- Transfer \$180 online payments from PayPal into bank Account

Old Business

- Growing Greener Buck Run and Quaker Run Status
 - Clauser Presentation? Date and Time?
 - Wednesday May 18th at 6:30pm at Brady Fire Company 700 Maple St, Ranshaw, PA 17866
 - Aaron Clauser expects a 45-minute presentation followed by Q&A.
- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project
 - DEP permits
 - Check has been sent. A few questions from reviewer. Anticipate 2-3 months for approvals.
 - Sierra Club involvement and signage. Sierra Club signage decided
- Sierra Club Donation and Check Presentation
 - Photo Op when? Otzinachson Group \$500 donation
 - Still open. Invite Sierra Club to Clauser Environmental presentation.
- EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting May 9th at 9:00. Any SCRA members that want to attend please let us know. (Virtual Microsoft teams meeting)
- DEP Environmental Education Grant 2021 Plan
 - Extension granted
 - This will plant the storm water retention area of the Quaker Run project. Add wood duck boxes. Add educational signage.
- 2022 Dep Environmental Education Grant
 - Awarded @ DEP Presentation
 - 4-20 event in Kulpmont. Well covered by media.
 - Rain Garden and Green Building
 - Kulpmont Borough is working through DCNR permitting.
- Tetra Tech
 - Susquehanna River Basin Commission Grant unsuccessful
 - DCED submission end of May
 - Direct appropriation request
 - Angela Meck was able to explain each item. Gave brief history how we got to these grant submissions
 - Thanks to all municipalities that sent in letters of support in an expedited fashion. Should SCRA print “Thank You” postcards?
- SCRA involvement with Shamokin Gardening Club
 - Prep event May 3rd 6:00pm with Boy Scouts
 - May 14th planting 9:30-11:30
 - Ben Paul, NCCD explained program.
- Bucknell Re-design of SCRA Logo
 - Top 4 Designs.
 - Professor Lopez asking students to include “Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance” spelled out.
 - Possible help with a new brochure
 - No update
- SCRA Officers and Director positions open

- Explained that every individual has skills that can help our organization. We welcome any help.
- Bureau of Charitable Organizations
 - No update from on past BCO. H&R Block will file BCO
 - No update. Waiting for May 15 Tax Day.
- 2022 Membership Mailing
 - Municipalities, landowners, and past members.
 - Heather tracking with Excel Sheet of paid memberships and donations:
 - 27 renewals
 - 13 new
- ARIPPA Project
 - Testing Equipment Solutions
 - Leaping Weir at site 48
 - Grant due May 6th.
 - Need excavator contractor quote

New Business

- Bucknell Summer Intern approved (Ben Shimer). Ben will be working with SCRA for 10 weeks over summer on GIS mapping of the watershed
- Susquehanna Greenways Expo June 4
 - SCRA Voted to attend and purchase a 10x10 booth for \$25
- Organizational Memberships
 - Susquehanna Greenways, Sunbury Revitalization Inc., etc.
 - Agreed to join Sunbury Revitalization Inc
 - Will revisit with other organization (Shamokin Community Gardens, Sierra Club, etc.)
 - Our Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce membership free and active
- New physical address in the works for purposes of grant applications
 - Motion made to spend up to \$100 to buy a locking mailbox
 - New physical address has been approved:
 - Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance
9 North 8th Street
Suite A
Kulpmont, PA 17834
- GRANTS.gov account established and applying for SAM number to allow SCRA to submit for federal funds
 - Work in progress – expect to submit application within the next week
- BAMR Update
 - Email update has been sent including our recent grant submissions
- Elected Official Meetings
 - Senator Gordner (Completed w/ follow-up)
 - Representative Masser (TBD)

- Email follow up has been sent to Cindy Abbott
 - Representative Culver (Thursday @ noon)
 - Senator Casey (Completed w/ follow-up)
- Growing Greener Plus
 - Asked Kulpmont's Engineer (Livic) to work with Clauser Environmental to fund entire Quaker Run through Veterans Field
 - Will present for approval at Kulpmont Council meeting on May 11th
 - Livic and Clauser have a plan forward
 - It was noted that the current working relationship between Kulpmont and SCRA should be an example to other municipalities.
- Discussion about state of stone wall in 5th ward.
 - Was mentioned to contact City of Shamokin
- Life in Shamokin Creek
 - Discussion: Has the water quality in Shamokin Creek improved?
 - Macroinvertebrates?
 - Litter?
 - Water chemistry

Adjournment

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