

SCRA
Meeting Minutes
July 12th, 2022
6:30pm
Kulpmont Sportsman Association

Attendance

- Jim Koharski, Ben Paul, Heather Makal, John Bucanelli, Steve Chrismer, Janie French, Jon Dietz, Stephen Motyka, Susan Zainer

Correspondence

Treasurers Report

- 4 accounts reported on

Financial Transactions

Presentation

- Jon Dietz, Ph.D. -Smith Gardner, Inc /IOT and Janie French – Headwaters Charitable Trust
 - Presentation/Power Point scanned to PDF and available for anyone who would like to review. Attached to meeting minutes

Old Business

- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project
 - Design approval
 - Waiting on DEP permits
 - Sierra Club involvement and signage. Sierra Club signage decided
 - NCCD Signed off
 - Army Corps of Engineer Signed Off
 - GG+ Grant Submission June 24th
- Sierra Club Donation and Check Presentation
 - Photo Op when? Sierra Club would like to come to site when construction begins
- EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting July 18th at 9:00. Any SCRA members that want to attend please let us know. (Virtual Microsoft teams meeting)
- Tetra Tech
 - Direct appropriation request. Submitted.
 - Notified that we made short list of requests and US Senate committee chairpersons notified.

- Bucknell Re-design of SCRA Logo
 - Final Votes? Logo has been chosen by vote. Clear winner logo 1. Will be reaching out to Bucknell to add color to chosen logo.
- SCRA Officers and Director positions open
 - Ongoing struggle. Please ask other to get involved
- Bureau of Charitable Organizations
 - Update? Has been renewed for 2022. Needs redone later this year for 2023
- 2022 Membership Mailing. Complete
 - Should we send reminder post cards?? Postcards approved
 - Motion made to proceed once new logo is chosen.
 - Discussion about some members who have not renewed. Should we send out post card to these individuals to remind them lack of renewal and offering an early 2023 membership.
- ARIPPA Project
 - \$4300 Need to pick a date for presentation.
 - Requirements for news article.
 - EPCAMR will deliver check for presentation
- Organizational Memberships
 - Sunbury Revitalization Inc. joined and began getting newsletter.
 - Mentioned joining/supporting Shamokin Community Gardens
- GRANTS.gov account established and applying for SAM number to allow SCRA to submit for federal funds
 - Registered
- BAMR Update
 - Discussed keeping BAMR office updated.
 - Ongoing
- Growing Greener Plus
 - Asked Kulpmont's Engineer (Livic) to work with Clauser Environmental to fund entire Quaker Run through Veterans Field
 - Application was submitted on June 24th.
 - \$550,000+ request
 - Copy to be distributed to SCRA members
 - Should the grant paperwork be distributed to elected officials?
- Bucknell Summer Intern approved (Ben Shimer). Ben will be working with SCRA for 10 weeks over summer on GIS mapping of the watershed
 - Excel spreadsheet if landowners.
 - Will present project at EPA and Friends meeting
 - Socioeconomic data
 - Water quality data
- Thank You cards??
 - Discussion after next meeting.
 - Will order (see note above)
- State AMD Conference
 - June 22nd and 23rd

- Jeff Herb presentation
- Update
- Multiple connections made
- Brief overview of meeting
- Mining Engineer Meeting
 - Members to decide if they can attend on 23rd in Hazelton
 - Patrick Web Guest Speaker
 - Attended by SCRA
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 - Presentation highlighted priorities of future infrastructure money. (Job Training, J-40, Clean Transportation, Legacy Pollution, Affordable Housing, Etc.)
- Donation to On the Fly
 - Motion made and approved \$100
- Kulpmont Borough met wit NCCD about dirt road grant and effect on Quaker Run
- Meeting with Boy Scouts postponed until further date
 - Call Julia later this fall

New Business

- PA Association of Watersheds
 - John Dawes and Branden Diehl future meeting
 - Maybe combined meeting with Liz Kishbaugh from Casey's office.
- Senator Casey Northcentral Region manager
 - Tour dates offered. (See above)
 - Must respond with possible dates
- Klinefelter email requesting meeting
- List of necessary items to proceed with Infrastructure project.
- At the AMR conference in State College this afternoon the final presenter was Jon Smoyer from PADEP BAMR. He presented on the aspects of the AML/AMD Subaward program. Enclosed are many of the slides from his presentation – I didn't include all, just the ones I found relevant to us.
 - Some interesting points to pay attention to:
 - All AMD is considered Priority 3
 - Written land owner consent will be required up front and in BAMR approved format. The landowner agreements should include verbiage that applies to "life of the facility or treatment system."
 - The BIL as currently written does not include set-aside funds for Priority 3 projects
 - AMD projects must have at least 1 year of water data (flow and chemistry) to support the claimed watershed improvements

- AMD projects must have AMDTreat reports that supports the claimed watershed improvements (<https://amd.osmre.gov/>)
 - Requires major coordination with BAMR – involve them early and often.
- Discussed possibly working with professor from BloomsburgUniversity
- Tali McArthor at POWR about community engaugement. Tracking volunteer hours, etc.
- Story Map of Tioga River
 - Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- Watershed meeting Columbis County Conservation District
 - July 30th in Catawissa

Adjournment