

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: Cory Rathman, Jay Snyder, Kent Gardner, John Bingham, Mark Gutshall, Joellyn Warren, Mark Johnson

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kristen Kyler, Kent Bitting

Guests/non-SC Members: Ed Lefevre- East Hempfield

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve January's minutes by John Bingham with the additional of Bob Kutz to attendee list (Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited). Cory seconded. Motion passed unanimously. December's minutes will be approved next month.

Minutes recorded by: Angie Sowers

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

- Jay clarified two pots of funds on last year's balance- 1) NFWF Grant and 2) LCCWC membership dues. There are additional funds from carryover from last year.

Funding Practice Keeper-

- Municipal module to track non-ag BMPs being develop with LIMC. Municipal module would then be available to those involved with its development.
- Enable uniform data input
- Current quote is \$37k, but expect it to come down; minimum annual fee is \$600 for at least 2 users; Anticipate that those not involved in the development cost should have other additional startup costs
- Supported on a cloud server to enable use in the field
- LIMC is requesting that LCCWC pay 25% of development costs- we should know firm cost later in February
- One goal is to develop uniform data input county wide
- Expect the work to be done late summer
- Group agreed that we should keep at least \$5-8k in reserve
- John B. is going to take the project to Capital RC&D to request funding
- A motion was made by Mark G to support Practice Keeper development not to exceed \$5-8k with a workshop to follow development. John B seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2015 Goals/Objectives – Kent Gardner/Mark Johnson

1. 2 Events/Workshops (Education/Outreach)
 2. Provide benefits to members
 - a. Pursue grants
 - b. Fundraising- a small golf outing? Kent has a date of Aug 3 reserved and some people that have also offered to do some leg work. Showcase the projects that have been done at the Conestoga Country Club.
 - c. Assist municipalities in meeting MS4s, etc.- all municipalities are now MS4s so there may need to be some basic education for new MS4 municipalities
 3. Improve water quality
- Jay- DEP-issued permits are driver; municipalities are only going to do efforts that are required
 - ACTION ITEM: Provide Angie an objective statement for LCCWC for 2015. For example- Facilitate a focus within the municipalities on watershed-based planning or Facilitate cooperation between municipalities to achieve watershed-based restoration.

Leadership Nominations- Mark Johnson

- ACTION ITEM: Provide nominees for chair, co-chair, and treasurer to Mark; Existing officers are requested to confirm their desire to continue in their position; Also, voting members are to confirm their desire to remain
 - Potential additions to the committee include representatives from Trout Unlimited and the City of Lancaster

2015 Workshops

1. How to use Practice Keeper for municipalities/Member benefits
 - Tell the story and path to achieve water quality goals—
 - Focus on watershed/partnerships - Showcase the Cocalico Creek Watershed coordinated baseline efforts
 - Develop baseline data - Showcase the Cocalico Creek Watershed coordinated baseline efforts
 - Developing action plan – Use the Little Conestoga Action Plan as example
 - Using Practice Keeper to develop action plan and track implementation/benefits
 - Showcase Streamside Grant projects to demonstrate implementation and member benefits
 - Other idea- Current science on riparian buffers (and other BMPs) by Stroud and others
2. General Housekeeping/Tips to go through an DEP Audit- grant has been submitted to DEP for Environmental Education- expect to hear later this spring
 - What do you need to know about MS4s that you don't know you need to know????

East Hempfield Township MS4 meeting- Kent Gardner

- Kent stated that this will be covered. East Hempfield has requested LCCWC attend to discuss the planned projects within the township

NEW BUSINESS

- Kristen Kyler- she is putting together an education grant to develop curriculum focused on stormwater for public school and other groups- ACTION ITEM: Provide Kristen input on this topic
 - Cory shared that it is big benefit for municipalities to be able to state that they are working with their public school system; it is easily measurable; and you have a new audience each year

Meeting adjourned 4:30

HANDOUTS - none

ACTION ITEMS

1. Angie email Liz Knerr to ask about website renewal
2. Provide Angie any available pictures for Streamside Grants- before and after- to load to website
3. Provide Angie an objective statement for LCCWC for 2015. For example- Facilitate a focus within the municipalities on watershed-based planning or Facilitate cooperation between municipalities to achieve watershed-based restoration.
4. Provide Kristen any input you have on developing a stormwater education curriculum.
5. Provide nominees for chair, co-chair, and treasurer to Mark; Existing officers are requested to confirm their desire to continue in their position; Also, voting members are to confirm their desire to remain

Future Agenda Items

None discussed