

TWIN & WALKER CREEKS WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – April 7, 2017

The meeting was held at Pat and Chet Dawson's home and called to order by President Elect John Hahn at 7:10 pm. Board members present were: Chet Dawson, Irene DeVito, John Hahn, Peter Wulfhorst, and Shirley Maseo. President Pat Dawson attended via Face time.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: No minutes were prepared for the Annual Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Irene DeVito's report as of 4/7/2017 shows a balance in checking of \$3,751.59, including expenses of \$678.00 and income of \$1,085.00 for the period. She is withholding a payment to FX Browne until Peter Loewrigkeit can approve it. Money Market Account balance is \$16,496.66.

LAKE TESTING: The Board voted to reduce testing from 4 times to 3 times a year. Testing for 2017 will be on the weekends of: June 17, July 15 and August 19. We will not test in September this year. This has been discussed at previous meetings and is consistent with a recommendation from Walker Lake's new Lake Manager. Chet Dawson reported on FX Browne's 2016 final report, which showed small improvements for all three lakes. As before. Little Twin Lake had the highest water quality and Walker Lake the lowest but all three were in good shape. Our new probe appears to be working well. It has been cleaned and recalibrated by Pine Environmental in Windsor, NJ. No major issues were found. We had good correlation between our test data and that of Aqua Link (the new Walker Lake Consulting firm) except for total phosphorous. FX Browne reported that the lab they were using could not detect down to our phosphorous levels, which explains the difference. FX Browne will use a different lab in 2017.

Future Meetings: At our last regular meeting the Board voted to reduce the number of regular Board Meetings. Meetings in 2017 will be at 7 PM on April 7, June 16, and August 18 with our Annual Meeting on Saturday Oct. 7 at 10 AM. The annual newsletter will be readied for mailing at the June meeting. Unless otherwise noted all meetings will be at the Walker Lake Clubhouse. Chet Dawson will reserve these dates.

Newsletter: All newsletter articles are due to Peter Wulfhorst by May 12, 2017. The newsletter will be readied for mailing at our June Board Meeting and mailed in June. We are asking for the following articles.

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| 1. Well Water Testing | Peter W |
| 2. Photo Contest | Pat D |
| 3. Water Monitoring Results | Peter L and Chet |
| 4. Pesticides | John |
| 5. Person of Interest | Joyce |
| 6. General interest Article | Scott |
| 7. President's Message | Pat D |

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| 8. Catch and Release | Chet |
| 9. Annual Meeting Review | Chet |
| 10. 2016 Scholarship | Kirk |

We would like to have a picture of last year's scholarship recipient. Peter to check with Linda Gardner and Pat Dawson to check with Kirk.

Photo Contest: Chet passed out the photo contest rules and two sample posters that Pat Dawson had prepared. The Board suggested that the place and date of the annual meeting be added to both and that the picture size options be added to the poster as well. The poster with the larger pictures was chosen and the Board members present said they would help getting them posted. Peter said he would look into having the Contest announcement and rules in the local papers. It has already been sent to and announced by the DVR school system. We need somebody to judge the photos at the general meeting and as a form of education explain why he or she came to their conclusions. Jack DeGaus was suggested as one possibility for a judge. It was also mentioned that photographers are associated with the new Artist Market in Shohola. Shirley Maseo will visit the Market and ask about possible judges.

Annual Meeting Speaker: John Hahn suggested that SEEDS, an energy efficiency firm, may have a speaker and he will follow up.

Survey: Sally Corrigan had provided TWCWC contact information to a group looking to promote and help volunteer Watershed groups. If you filled out their questionnaire you would win some support from them. Peter, Pat D. and Chet all filled out the questionnaire. Peter will send out to the Board the information he has concerning this effort.

Earth Day: Earth Day will be celebrated at the Shohola Elementary School On May 14th. Peter Wulforst will be there with his Enviroscape and Shirley Maseo will help if she can. If anyone else would like to participate please let the school know.

NEXT MEETING: Friday June 16, 2017, 7 PM at the Walker Lake Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Dawson Past President