

**TWIN & WALKER CREEKS WATERSHED CONSERVANCY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING - MAY 29, 2015**

The meeting was held at the Walker Lake Clubhouse and called to order by President Chet Dawson at 7:05 pm. Board members present were: Chet & Pat Dawson, Peter Wulfhorst, Scott Rando, Kirk Mackey, Glyn Eisenhauer and John Hahn. Peter Loewrigkeit and Barbara Whitney were also in attendance.

SECRETARY: Minutes from the April meeting were not reviewed.

TREASURER: Treasurer Irene DeVito was unable to attend but did submit her report. There were no expenses this past month. Income from dues, in Memory of Joe Messineo and a matching gift of \$300 totaled \$900. Irene transferred \$5,000 from the checking account to the Money Market account leaving \$2,527.95 in our checking account and \$16,466.47 in our Money Market account.

UPDATES:

Lake Testing: Peter Loewrigkeit announced the 2015 testing schedule and reminded everyone that there would be a lake testing refresher given on Saturday at noon at Kirk Mackey's home. Pat Dawson encouraged anyone who would be helping with testing to attend, as there have been inconsistencies in how the paper work has been prepared. Peter noted that the test results have not varied that much in recent years and that maybe we can reduce testing to save money. After a brief discussion, the 4 times a year schedule remained. Dates for 2015 testing will be the weekends of: June 20, July 18, August 15 and Sept. 19.

Zoo and phyto plankton testing: The test results from last year have caused some concerns. Both are lower as are their diversity than what is considered a normal amount and the two most prevalent types of phyto plankton (blue-green and Chrysophyta) are not good food sources for zooplankton. While Walker Lake had the higher number of zooplankton, there was concern that the Copepod species at Walker Lake are not reaching maturity, as they should. They were at both Big and Little Twin Lakes. Pat and Chet Dawson had met with Dr. Patricia Mosto, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Education and Sciences at Rider University. Dr. Mosto was surprised at the dominance of blue-green algae in all three lakes but noted that the levels are not near that where their toxicity would be a concern. Dr. Mosto is a noted expert in this area and has agreed to continue to discuss it with us. She feels that we need to increase the number and diversity of phyto plankton in all three lakes and the first step would be to find out what our nitrogen or nitrate levels are as typically you want these to be about ten times the level of total phosphorous. Pat Dawson asked Peter and Kirk to ask FX Browne if they could add nitrogen to our test data in 2015. All present were hesitant to recommend any action at this time, as we do not know the overall impact on our sensitive lakes.

DVHS Scholarship: Chet Dawson had submitted a request that for 2015 the scholarship be named in memory of Joe Messineo and we have been told that this will be done. We should be notified shortly as to the recipient of our scholarship and Peter Wulfhorst will call to get an update.

Newsletter: Peter Wulfhorst left a draft of the newsletter with Chet Dawson for review. It should go to the printer sometime the first week of June. It was decided to limit the mailings to residents of Shohola and Milford, former and present Board Members and those that have given donations

or have paid dues. Shohola resident mailings will be addressed, as RR 4 & 5, while Chet Dawson will prepare a mailing list for the others.

Clean Water Counts: Irene DeVito suggested that TWCWC support the “*Chesapeake Bay Foundation's statewide "Clean Water Counts" campaign in urging our elected officials in Harrisburg, and locally, to make clean water programs a greater priority across the Commonwealth*”. This was unanimously approved and Chet Dawson will submit our support. It was noted that while a number of Pennsylvania counties have pledged their support, Pike County was not one of them.

Pike County Conservation District: We understand that Vinnie Cordova will be leaving the Conservation District and that they are looking for a replacement. We are missing the information at the County and State level that Linda Cioppa used to provide and have recommended that Shirley Masuo sit in on the Conservation district meetings. Shirley was not at our meeting and we do not know where this stands.

Environmental Day: Peter Wulforth gave the enviroscape presentation to 7 different classes during the environmental day festivities at the elementary school.

Annual Meeting; Kirk Mackey suggested and it was agreed that Lyme Disease would be the subject for our annual meeting to be held at the Walker lake clubhouse.

Next Meeting: We will not meet in June. Our next meeting will be Friday night July 17th, 2015, 7 PM at the Walker Lake clubhouse

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Dawson, President