

TWIN & WALKER CREEKS WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

The meeting was held at the Walker Lakes Clubhouse and called to order by President Chet Dawson at 7:00 pm. Board members present were: Pat & Chet Dawson, Irene DeVito, John Hahn, Scott Rando, Kirk Mackey, Paul Paladino and Pat Messineo.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2016 meeting, prepared by Secretary Pat Messineo and distributed by e-mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Irene DeVito's report as of 9/16/16 shows a balance in Checking of \$2,959.46, including expenses of \$213.28 and income of \$785.00. Irene commented that the income is low for the period compared to 2015 with income of over \$3000. Money Market Account balance is \$16,488.47.

LAKES TESTING: Walker Lake – Has hired a new manager from Applink(?) and more testing is being done, including phyto and zooplankton. No reports have made yet. Blue-green algae has been discovered and an explanation is expected. **Twin Lakes** – They will be stocking largemouth bass. Two years ago smallmouth was stocked and an improved quality due to the new gene pool has been noticed.

GENERAL MEETING: October 22, 2016 - Peter Wulforth sent the post card announcement to the printer and expects to get it back today. It is being sent to Routes 4 and 5. Chet will mail to his list 2-3 weeks before the meeting and Irene will do bulk mailing. Chet will send out fliers for Twin Lakes Park by e-mail to Pat Messineo. Paul will donate five bottles of wine to be used as a raffle at the meeting. Kirk will make up cards for the raffle. As an added attraction to the meeting, if the Raptor Center has a raptor from the lakes area, Scott may be able to release it at the meeting. For refreshments, John Hahn will bring donuts and cider will also be served. It would be good to have at least 10 children at the meeting. Kirk will provide fliers to Shohola School and to John Bell, Superintendent and at the Pike County Commissioners meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS: Parts are missing on the probe. Pete Loewrigkeit has sent the papers to FXBrowne and they will forward to Chet. He will take it to be repaired if it is under warranty. A motion was made and agreed to have it repaired under any circumstances. **Scholarship** – After discussion it was agreed to continue the scholarship. **Donation** – Irene has received a \$1000 donation from Twin Lakes Property Owners Association and she will send a thank you note. **Photo Contest** – Chet proposed that we hold a Nature Photo Contest within Pike County, suggesting we could use High School teachers as judges with two categories, children and adult. A discussion followed with the following decisions: Categories: Elementary, Middle School, High School and Adult; Prizes: Ribbon for the first year, to be reviewed for future contest. Kirk will investigate whether the Library would display entries and/or winners only. Need suggestions for other display areas. Contest would be announced in April Newsletter. Possibly announce at General Meeting next month. Chet will write up Rules for the Contest. **PCCD** – John Hahn is the new TWCWC Representative. Although he will not be able to attend the PCCD

meetings on Mondays, he will get minutes and agenda. He will attend the Annual PCCD dinner in Chet's place. **Pot Luck Dinner** - There will be a Pot Luck Dinner for Board Members and partners on Sunday, October 23 at 2pm at Dawson's. Chet will send invitation and include Pete Loewrigkeit.

NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2016 at 9:15, prior to the General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the Walker Lake Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Messineo, Secretary