

**Shermans Creek Conservation Association
July 27, 2009 – Members & Community Meeting**

Attendance:

Linda Sieber, Chair; Karen Bolze, Vice Chair; Janet Smith, Treasurer; Angela Schreffler, Secretary

Absent: Dick Gregg, Director; Matt Fry, Director

Old Business

Minutes:

Angela gave a brief overview of the minutes from the May meeting.

Treasurers Report:

We currently have a balance of \$3,714.80. This includes expenses from newsletter and creek cleanup, as well as income from crock sales and membership dues.

Membership: Currently have 52 members.

ALLARM: Linda will be scheduling a nitrate re-training for monitors.

Karen and Matt will be conducting research for bacterial monitoring standards and problems.

Macro training for monitors and open to others interested in the process of being scheduled for the fall or the Spring of 2010.

Matt potentially take over program coordinator, including ordering supplies? Will have to check with him.

Butterfly/pollinator program: Addie Farber's schedule didn't coordinate with community center schedule. Plan this program for 2010.

Nimrod event: Took place June 27th at Marysville Sportsman Club with AMP Nimrods. Macro program – great response from both kids and parents that attended. Dan Farber, Linda Sieber, and Susan Beinhauer ran the program.

PCMG: Assisted PCMG with 4-H program at Little Buffalo – Butterfly life cycle – went well – Karen's kids attended.

New Business

Creek Clean Up: Rescheduled – September 5th with a rain date on Sept 19th. June clean up was cancelled 3 weekends in a row due to weather, last due to lack of volunteers and weather. Purchased 5 bottles of soda and 5 bags of assorted snacks that Linda kept. Next clean up, the same amounts of soda and snacks will be purchased again out of Linda's pocket. Although we were given a discount because dumpsters weren't used, we were charged \$75.00. SCCA paid – when clean up happens, township will pay bill.

Carroll Twp. Community Celebration: Sat. Oct 3rd. Janet, Linda and Karen Bolze will attend. Looking for another volunteer for part of the day.

Rain Barrel Program: Scheduled for August 22 at Carroll Community Center from 10-12:00. Dan Farber picked up 13 barrels from Hershey and they are being stored at Linda's. Dan has offered to pick up more barrels if needed.

- Linda will put ad in newspaper about program
- Linda will email everyone for available dates and schedule a barrel cleanup and practice rain barrel combined with a BBQ at her house
- Angela will contact SRBC to help with program, if not them, Linda has a potential person in Cumberland County
- Angela will send email about what tools are needed and will purchase supplies, prior to barrel clean out/BBQ.

PC Fair – August 25-29. SCCA does not have its own booth this year, but instead will be sharing with Perry County Conservation District – Sally Tengeres. SCCA will be doing a program in the evenings relating to – Bring enviroscape for Better Landscaping Practices & Buffers and Rain barrel w/hand outs.

The Chesapeake Watershed Forum Annual Conference – Friday October 9-Sunday October 11, 2009 in Shephardstown, WV. SCCA will pay for one person to attend. Conference is for watershed groups and has workshops for data analysis and collection, conservation techniques, grant writing, fundraising ideas, etc. Registration is \$175 that includes meals, lodging, and workshop sessions – any additional costs will be noted on the registration form. If interested, contact Linda.... Perhaps Matt is interested?

2010 Crocks – Sample has cattail design – Will advertise in newspaper in September. Have sold a couple already.

Fall SCCA events? We need to come up with some ideas. Will have a program/booth at the Annual Carroll Township Community Day in October.

2010 Events: Plan programs with the “Healthy Yard Initiative” with the PC Master Gardeners such as Butterfly Gardening, Gardening for Wildlife, Sustainable Landscaping, Composting, etc.

Next Meeting: Sept. 28th

2009 Schedule: November 16, and January 25, 2010

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.