

**Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Regular Meeting**

**April 9, 2009**

**Hamburg Community Library**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call to Order – Don Waldron**

Don Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Meeting**

Harry Nelson stated that, in section 4(D)(x), “Bren Mohn” is correctly spelled “Brian Mohn”. Pat Adams made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Harry Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Treasurer’s Report – Sue Fisher**

Gregg Adams submitted Sue Fisher’s April 1, 2009 Treasurer’s Report:

1. Income for March = \$2568, expenses = \$832.98 - balance in checking is \$ 9422.83.
2. No change in county grant account - we have until June to use it.
3. Race income = \$2050 in sponsorships & \$427 in race entries NOT including what was collected at the race itself. Race expenses = \$732.98 not including toilet and food expense.

Addendum: We collected \$566 on Race Day. Also received Race Sponsorships: a \$50 check from Blue Mountain Herbals and \$100 in cash (which I used to stock the cash drawer with change) from Ye Olde Backpacker. Total Receipts: \$997 Total Sponsorship: \$2,200

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership – Gregg Adams**

Gregg Adams submitted the April 1, 2009 Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 126, including:

- 5 Corporate
- 1 Donation
- 62 Family
- 7 Lifetime
- 19 Senior
- 31 Single
- 1 Student

16 Memberships are up for renewal in April:

- Family of Robert Adams
- Sherry Cassler
- Kiera Correll
- Franklin De Costa
- Sue Fisher
- Dennis Henne
- Steven Kiefer
- Harry Nelson
- Family of Danny Noles

Scott Simmon  
John Stoyer  
Wayne Fisher

**B. Communications and Publicity – Jeff Hartman**

**i. Fall/Winter Newsletter**

Gregg Adams reported that the Fall/Winter newsletter had been published and that he was looking to publish the Spring newsletter in May. He stated that he could use some articles about the footbridge project.

**ii. Website Update**

Gregg Adams stated that the website had been updated to support the June 7<sup>th</sup> Dutch Country Bike Races and that Red Creek Wildlife had been added as a partner organization.

**C. Lease/Grants – Don Waldron**

**i. Joint Agreement with Berks County, Tilden Township, SRHA**

Don Waldron stated that there was nothing new to report.

**ii. Berks County Open Space Grant**

Don Waldron stated that Sue Fisher had notified him that the match for the grant has been met.

**D. Programs and Special Events – Pat Adams**

**i. 2009 Schedule of Events**

No report.

**ii. Northern Berks QUAD Games Bartram Breeze Review**

Pat Adams stated that 61 people participate in the races and that the event went fairly smoothly. She noted that the poor weather conditions likely kept attendance low.

**iii. April/Earth Day Project Saturday Review**

Don Waldron stated that he had shown up but that no volunteers were present. He noted that a group from the Schuylkill River Heritage Area cleaned the Bartram Trail and moved the rocks on the trail.

Pat Adams stated that she had spoken with Kerry Grim and had invited him to the next meeting to discuss the bank swallow project. She stated that kestrel boxes should not be located near bluebird boxes but should be located near a treeline. She stated that purple martin boxes can be located near areas frequented by people and suggested locations in the basin near the parking lot. She stated that Sam Moseman had volunteered to clean the bluebird boxes.

Barry Shollenberger asked that he keep track of what he finds inside the boxes and the Game Commission is collecting that kind of information.

**iv. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 11, 2009**

Pat Adams stated that Kurt Kissinger picked up nine logs for benches but that there will be logs left over. She noted that the outdoor classroom project is underway.

**v. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 18, 2009**

Gregg Adams stated that he would not be available that weekend.

Gene Stohrer stated that he may be available.

Barry Shollenberger stated that bags of trash could be left on Industrial Drive to be collected by the Township.

Don Waldron stated that Cheryl Haas should be notified of trash to coordinate pickup. He noted that the Commonwealth will not collect trash at the dam due to budget cuts and that we will need to make alternative arrangements.

Pat Adams noted some mudding activity between Kernsville Dam Road and the railroad.

Don stated that Jack Buckwalter had been notified.

Pat noted that Barry and Kevin had caught a mudder in the basin and called the police, who caught him. She noted that the mudder will be fined \$250 plus court costs and that an article is to be in the paper.

Barry noted that Officer Spayd wishes to join BMW.

**vi. Fifth Annual Membership Banquet – April 24, 2009**

Pat Adams reported that the Banquet is scheduled and now we are waiting on reservation requests.

Gregg Adams noted that both his and Jeff Hartman's terms of office are about to expire.

Don Waldron and Gene Stohrer stated that they could not attend.

Harry Nelson stated that he may not attend.

Gene nominated Angela Johnson to be his proxy vote.

**vii. April/Earth Day Project Saturday – April 25, 2009**

No report.

**viii. Hamburg Art Stroll "It's Not Easy Being Green" – May 1, 2009**

Pat Adams stated that she will be attending the Art Stroll for a number of groups.

Gregg Adams stated that he would be attending.

**ix.. Bear Creek Festival – May 17, 2009**

Gregg Adams reported that he will be attending the Festival.

**x. Environmental Education Day – May 29, 2009**

Pat Adams stated that she has thirteen presenters lined up and that the program is set. She noted that the Game Commission's education person is booked but that Ryan Zerbe could replace him. She stated that Porcupine Pat recommended Bob Hopkins, an entomologist, but that she had not yet heard from him.

**xi. Northern Berks QUAD Games Dutch Country Bike Race – June 7, 2009**

No report.

**E. Grounds, Maintenance and Rules – Barry Shollenberger**

**i. Therman Madeira Footbridge Project**

Don Waldron reported that he went before Tilden Township Supervisors the prior Saturday to ask that the Township (as the property owner) authorize the work on the footbridge. He stated that he had received the Zoning/Building permit earlier in the day and noted that the building inspector had volunteered to help with the construction of the bridge. Don stated that he

had met with Kenny Reppert regarding the excavation needs. He stated that five trees will need to be removed to allow the placement of the drainage piping. He stated that Kenny Reppert will be forwarding a quote for the earthmoving work shortly. Don stated that he had received quotes from MRD Lumber and Berks Products for the bridge materials. He stated that the MRD quote was for \$5,376.42 and the Berks Products quote was for \$4,585.96. He stated that the bridge will need a footer inspection, a framing inspection and a final inspection.

Barry Shollenberger stated that he had talked to Therman Madeira and we are to let Therman know when we will need his contribution.

Gene Stohrer inquired as to the timeline for construction.

Don stated that Kenny Reppert's schedule would dictate the work.

Barry inquired as to the number of quotes.

Don stated that he had look at Lowe's and saw pricing similar to Berks Products'.

Barry noted that MRD generally has top-quality lumber.

Gene inquired as to volunteers. He stated that, with sufficient notice, he could get at least two.

Don stated that the bridge beams are twenty-five feet long and will weigh a significant amount, so that volunteers will be needed to help move them into place.

Barry noted that a backhoe may prove more useful.

Don stated that the bridge is designed to be built by volunteers. He stated that he is looking into Cogle's for plastic lumber.

Don inquired as to a buyer for the pipe the BMW currently has.

Barry suggested approaching Kenny Reppert to purchase or trade, or contacting John at the Wexcon Construction.

## **ii. Kiosk Project**

Gregg Adams inquired as to the progress of the project.

Barry Shollenberger state that flake board, braces and shingles are needed. He also inquired as to purchasing video cameras.

Gregg suggested deferring the purchase until after the footbridge is completed.

## **iii. Other**

Gregg Adams reminded the group that Representative Seip is interested in a ribbon-cutting ceremony when the bridge opens.

Don Waldron suggested that the County Commissioners be invited as well.

Don stated that Barry Luckenbill called inquiring about dumping additional fill in the basin.

Barry Shollenberger stated that the red tape to do so has become prohibitive.

Gene Stohrer inquired as to whether the soil may be toxic.

Barry stated that it would be a mix of soils.

## **F. Local Group Liaisons Reports**

None

### **5. Correspondence:**

#### **A. March 19, 2009 DEP Comments regarding Open Space Plan**

No comments.

#### **B. March 20, 2009 Jack Buckwalter Comments regarding Vandalism**

No comments.

#### **C. Hamburg Borough Comments regarding Open Space Plan**

Don Waldron noted that the Borough of Hamburg forwarded their comments regarding the Open Space Plan—particularly their opposition to the proposed gate on Kernsville Dam Road.

Gregg Adams stated that he would incorporate the comments into the Plan.

### **6. Old Business:**

#### **A. Final Draft Open Space Comprehensive Plan**

Gregg Adams stated that BAMR may want the Greg Kohl 2001 Open Space Plan maps updated to reflect the new Plan.

Barry Shollenberger stated that he would discuss the matter with Greg Kohl's son.

### **7. New Business:**

Gene Stohrer stated his intention to address water quality issues in the area. He inquired as to whether he could approach BAMR with his concerns.

The sentiment of the group was to do so.

### **8. Courtesy of Floor:**

Gregg Adams stated that Hamburg EMS is soliciting donations.

Barry Shollenberger suggested \$50.00.

Gregg Adams made a motion to donate \$50 to the Hamburg Ambulance Corps. Gene Stohrer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gregg also stated that he would try to investigate securing stimulus money through grant programs.

Don Waldron suggested grants for limestone beds.

Barry suggested educational materials grants.

### **9. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## **Attendance**

Gregg Adams

Pat Adams

Angela Johnson

Harry Nelson

Barry Shollenberger  
Gene Stohrer  
Don Waldron

**Motions Passed**

Motion to accept the minutes as amended

Motion to donate \$50 to the Hamburg Ambulance Corps