

**Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 14, 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 6:41 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 9, 2009 Meeting**

As there were an insufficient number of Directors for a quorum, the approval of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was deferred until the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Gregg Adams submitted Sue Fisher's May 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer's Report:

1. \$754 in income for April & \$3213.25 in expenses.
2. Balance in our account \$6954.66.
3. \$646 received in race income & \$194.48 in expenses.
4. County grant money is now gone. We paid Ken Reppert for a bill they had never sent for work done in 2008 and that used up the grant money & the balance of the bill was paid out of our personal checking account.
5. We did receive a check from Therman for \$2000 but it will only get deposited next week, so I did not include it in the April figures.

Addendum: Today (May 11, 2009) I closed the county grant checking account. We have used all the money and we had a \$0 balance. I will save the last statement to forward to the county when we complete the work, to prove we used all their funds. Thanks, Sue.

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership – Gregg Adams**

Gregg Adams submitted the May 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 130, including:

- 5 Corporate
- 1 Donation
- 66 Family
- 7 Lifetime
- 20 Senior
- 31 Single
- 0 Student

4 Memberships are up for renewal in May:

- Paul Correll, Jr.
- Family of Donald Kline
- Patrick Lavin, Jr.

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

### **i. Spring Newsletter**

Gregg Adams stated that he would like to publish the Spring newsletter in mid-June. He noted that he has a large article on ticks from Gene Stohrer available.

## **C. Lease/Grants – Don Waldron**

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

Don Waldron stated that he has no news and doubts that the County or Township will come to an agreement on the perpetual maintenance of the property any time soon.

### **ii. Berks County Open Space Grant**

Gregg Adams noted that Sue Fisher reported that the grant money account has been closed.

Don Waldron reported that the money has been spent and that the matching fund requirement has also been met. He stated that the project must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the sonotubes must be set, inspected and the concrete poured. He noted that the concrete contractor can pour at any time and will give us a good price. He stated that he would like to check with MRD to see if they can set the beams at delivery.

Barry Shollenberger stated that Kenny Reppert's backhoe may be available and that Kenny may pick up the beams as well.

Don stated that the beams are currently at MRD. He noted that once the beams are set, the rest of the project can be completed when people and tools are available. He stated that he has a generator and can run power tools at the site.

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

### **i. Earth Day Saturdays Review**

Pat Adams reported that one person volunteered over the course of the four weekends and suggested that we return to the one-Saturday format.

Gregg Adams noted that the events had not been well publicized and that the scouts had not been notified.

Barry Shollenberger suggested a separate Earth Day Committee be formed to review the matter.

### **ii. Fifth Annual Membership Banquet Reschedule**

Pat Adams suggested skipping the Banquet.

Barry Shollenberger suggested a more casual pizza night at one of the local parks with an open invitation to members and the community to visit.

The consensus of the members assembled was that Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> was an acceptable date.

### **iii. Hamburg Art Stroll "It's Not Easy Being Green" Review**

Pat Adams reported that BMW did not attend due to threatening weather.

Gregg Adams noted that BMW was invited to attend the remaining Art Strolls.

### **iv. Bear Creek Festival – May 17, 2009**

Gregg Adams stated that he would be attending.

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

Pat Adams stated that she needed someone to pick up lunch for the instructors.

Don Waldron stated that he could do so.

Barry Shollenberger stated that he would try to attend.

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

Pat Adams stated that she had talked to State Trooper Wengert and he stated that he would try to get the Fire Police to come out. She stated that Tilden Township has okayed the closing of the roads.

**v. Hamburg Community Days – July 3 & 4, 2009**

Gregg Adams stated that he is trying to arrange Porcupine Pat or someone similar to attend.

**vii. Northern Berks QUAD Games Duathlons – September 12, 2009**

No action.

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

**i. Therman Madeira Footbridge Project**

Don Waldron stated that the gluelam beams have been paid for, as well as \$500 worth of hardware. He stated that the decking will likely cost approximately \$1,200.

**ii. Kiosk Project**

Barry Shollenberger stated that he would try to work on the kiosk over the Memorial Day weekend.

Gregg Adams and Pat Adams asked Barry to contact them if he would be available to work.

**F. Local Group Liaisons Reports**

Pat Adams reported on her presentation to the Delaware River Keepers. She noted that they toured the basin and expressed great interest in it. She also reported that the Hamburg Happenings meeting have stopped due to lack of interest.

**5. Correspondence:**

**A. Casey Schneck Eagle Scout Emails**

No comments.

**B. Don Waldron Bridge Project Emails**

No comments.

**C. First UCC Church Youth Crew Emails**

No comments.

**6. Old Business:**

**A. Eagle Scout Projects**

Pat Adams stated that Kurt Kissinger wants to know if he can use pressure-treated lumber for the bench cradles. She stated that Kurt has the logs and is picking up other materials and getting ready to start work.

Barry Shollenberger stated that pressure-treated lumber is okay. He stated that he needs to get a re-count on the trees in the Wetlands. He stated that there may be at least six trees that need to be replaced. He stated that there may need to be some brush cut along the Wetlands Trail.

**7. New Business:**

None.

**8. Courtesy of Floor:**

Barry Shollenberger inquired as to how the trash is removed from the Kerny. He stated that PennDOT will pick up trash along a road that is bagged, if they are notified.

Pat Adams inquired as to whether we would be able to drop off trash at the PennDOT facility on Lowland Road.

Barry stated that we should be able to. He stated that BMW should reimburse John Stoyer more if he is collecting the trash at the Kerny.

Pat noted that the trash could be stored in the stone building and she volunteered to periodically empty the building.

Barry stated that Jack Buckwalter stated that we could drop the trash off at the Landingville site.

**9. Adjournment:**

Don Waldron adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**Attendance**

Gregg Adams  
Pat Adams  
Patti Burkholder  
Angela Johnson  
Barry Shollenberger  
Don Waldron

**Motions Passed**

None