

**Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**April 8, 2010**

**Hamburg Community Library**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call to Order – Don Waldron**

Donald Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the December 10, 2009, January 14 and March 11, 2010 Meetings**

Gene Stohrer made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, January 14 and March 11 meetings as submitted. Pat Adams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

1. Income = \$1450 - all quad donations
  2. Expenses = \$149.60
- Balance in checking is \$3979.45

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership – Gregg Adams**

Gregg Adams submitted the April 1 Membership Report:

Membership is currently at 137, including:

- 7 Corporate
- 2 Donation
- 74 Family
- 10 Lifetime
- 22 Senior
- 22 Single
- 0 Student

25 Memberships are up for renewal in April:

- Family of Jane Adams
- Cleta Borkey
- Sherry Cassler
- Franklin De Costa
- Family of Mark Dreibelbis
- Sue Fisher
- Ellen Grim
- Family of Kerry Grim
- Raymond Heffner
- Dennis Henne
- Steven Kiefer
- Harry Nelson
- Sonja Richie
- Family of Eugene Stohrer
- John Stoyer

## **B. Communications and Publicity – Gregg Adams**

### **i. Winter Newsletter**

Gregg Adams stated that he was working on the Winter newsletter and needed an article from Pat Adams on the Spring's events. He stated that he was planning to publish the Spring newsletter in late May or early June.

### **ii. Website/Facebook**

Gregg reported 22 friends on the Facebook page.

## **C. Lease/Grants – Don Waldron**

Don Waldron reported no changes.

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

### **i. Northern Berks QUAD Games Bartram Breeze Trail Runs April 11, 2010**

Pat Adams stated that the race would be held on Sunday.

Gregg Adams reported that race preparations were mostly complete.

### **ii. Earth Day Clean-Up April 24, 2010**

Pat Adams reported that April 20<sup>th</sup> would be the Blue Mountain Academy "Community Explosion" and that two groups would be available to help fill potholes. She requested help with transporting the concrete mix.

Mary Jo McCormick suggested discussing free delivery with Lowes.

Don Waldron stated that he has a light pick-up that could be used. He also mentioned that, at the Annual Banquet, Jim Turner of West Brunswick Township offered assistance with fixing the road. He stated that there would have to be coordination between BAMR, BMW and Mr. Turner. He stated that stone would have to be stockpiled for the project. He stated that the road surface would have to be graded to allow proper drainage and that ditches would have to be dug to carry stormwater away.

Pat suggested contacting Ronnie Folk, as leftovers from his driveway project may be available.

Gene Stohrer inquired as to whether millings would be acceptable surfacing material.

Don stated that approval and acquisition would have to be coordinated through BAMR and PennDOT. He also suggested that money may be available through grants to Townships to maintain gravel roads near rivers.

Pat stated that the Township would have to apply for the grant.

Barry Shollenberger stated that Windsor is paving at the Lowes construction site and that he may contact them for a donation of materials. He stated that the State Street Bridge project would have stone available at the end of the project and that BMW should submit a request for some. He also suggested purchasing a ton of coldpatch for the part of Kernsville Dam Road near the intersection with Industrial Drive. He stated that it would cost about \$70/ton and that repairs to the Monument may take about three tons.

Gregg Adams suggested starting with Lowes and MRD for the delivery of the concrete and then look at the coldpatch.

Barry suggested that Tilden Township may have millings available from the sewer

project.

Dennis Henne suggested maintenance on the Lowlands Trail as an additional Community Explosion project.

Pat reported that Tilden Township has embraced the Earth Day Clean-Up and will be registering volunteers. She noted that Cabela's will be sending a crew to clean up Industrial Drive.

Barry suggested cleaning the bank between Cabela's and the interchange.

Pat reported that all volunteers would be covered under Tilden Township's insurance.

**iii. Bear Creek Festival May 15, 2010**

Pat Adams stated that she had been contacted by the Schuylkill County Conservation District and had indicated to them that BMW would be attending.

**iv. Environmental Education Day May or June, 2010**

Pat Adams announced that Environmental Education Day is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> and that Tilden and Perry Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes would be attending. She stated that Porcupine Pat and two instructors from Berks County Conservation District would be attending.

Gene Stohrer stated that he had learned about the hazards posed by natural gas extraction and would like to set up a stand at the event. He stated that he would have more information at the May meeting.

Pat suggested the Monument or the Tilden Township municipal building as a suitable location.

**v. Northern Berks QUAD Games Dutch Country Bike Races June 6, 2010**

Pat Adams stated that the bike race would need as many volunteers as could be managed.

**vi. Northern Berks QUAD Games Sprint Duathlon Races August 7, 2010**

No report.

**vii. Hamburg Community Day August 14, 2010**

Gregg Adams reported that the Community Day Committee is looking for a group to run a series of games during the day. He suggested that the game could have a dollar entry fee and the prize money would be 50% of the ticket sales.

**viii. Taste of Hamburger Festival September 4, 2010**

Pat Adams inquired as to possible fund raisers.

Mary Jo McCormick suggested sliders and shakes.

Gregg Adams suggested panninis.

Barry Shollenberger suggested Instant Whip shakes and stated that he would check into other possibilities.

**ix. Northern Berks QUAD Games Frosty Kerny Races October 23, 2010**

No report.

**x. King Frost Parade October 30, 2010**

No report.

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

Pat Adams stated that kestrel boxes were available and inquired as to where they

should be located.

Barry Shollenberger suggested a location near the dam breast.

Dennis Henne suggested that a sign stating "No Motorized Vehicles" be placed near the footbridge. He stated that it appeared that motorbikers had been doing circles near the footbridge.

Barry stated that he would look into signage.

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

No report.

### **5. Correspondence:**

#### **A. Scout Troop 149 Clean-Up from Michael Bashore dated January 11, 2010**

Barry Shollenberger stated that he had contacted Mike Bashore but that it had been difficult scheduling a meeting. He stated that the Troop was a small group and that he would look for seedlings for the scouts to plant.

#### **B. Arbor Day Program from Steven Kiefer dated January 25, 2010**

Pat Adams reported that the program had been completed for the year.

#### **C. Potential Grant Programs from Jen Laughlin dated January 26, 2010**

No comments.

#### **D. Donation Updates from Sue Fisher dated February 10 and 16, 2010**

Pat Adams suggested putting the Hamburg Game Association on our newsletter mailing list.

#### **E. Thank You letter from the Madeiras dated March 14, 2010**

No comments.

#### **F. Cub Scout Pack 120 Clean-Up from Holly Varner dated March 21, 2010**

No comments.

#### **G. Water Testing Program from Angela Branseitter dated March 24, 2010**

Gene Stohrer stated that he would volunteer for the program.

#### **H. Dog Park Proposal from Trish Moerder dated March 30, 2010**

No comments.

#### **I. Cars4Causes dated March 31, 2010**

No comments.

#### **J. Schuylkill River Sojourn Registration from SRHA dated March 31, 2010**

No comments.

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

#### **A. Eagle Scout Project**

Pat Adams stated that she would request an update from the Eagle Scout candidates.

Barry Shollenberger inquired as to whether either could reconstruct the wood duck nest in the wetlands.

#### **B. Community Service Volunteers**

Gregg Adams reported that both Community Service people had completed their projects.

**7. New Business:**

**A. Proposed Dog Park**

Pat Adams reported that Patty Moerder was unable to attend the evening's meeting.

Gregg Adams suggested a potential location between the railroad and Kernsville Dam Road near the dam.

Gene Stohrer inquired as to the maintenance costs.

Gregg opined that, after installation, the area would have to be mowed, which is already being done periodically.

Pat stated that Patty may have funding to purchase the fencing.

Barry Shollenberger suggested that area behind the arbor at the butterfly garden.

**B. Clean-Up Volunteers**

Gregg Adams reported that he had been contacted by two young men from the Oley area who had taken it upon themselves to clean up the area around the Rock and were interested in organizing a larger group to clean the area regularly. He stated that he had encouraged them and suggested that they attend a monthly meeting and/or the Earth Day Clean-Up.

**8. Courtesy of Floor:**

Gregg Adams reported that the June Hamburg Art Stroll was entitled "The Great Outdoors" and he suggested that BMW attend. He made a motion to authorize the payment of the entry fee. Pat Adams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Gregg Adams  
Pat Adams  
Dennis Henne  
Mary Jo McCormick  
Harry Nelson  
Barry Shollenberger  
Eugene Stohrer  
Don Waldron

**Motions Passed:**

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2009, January 14 and March 11, 2010 Meetings  
Motion to authorize the payment of the entry fee for the June Hamburg Art Stroll.