

Minutes
Blue Ridge Watershed Coalition
06/28/12 7pm
Mountain Community Center

Call to order: 7:02 pm by Ronda. Attendees: Carlen M. Emanuel, Ronda Lehman, Ryan Streeter, Carl Drumgoole, Justin Maxey, Willis Nowell, Mark Shields, Royce Gibson

Introduction of board to attendees: no new attendees

Approval of 6/6/12 minutes: no minutes presented for approval

Ongoing Business: River Clean-up Logistics

River Clean-up Saturday, 7/14 time 8 – 12 noon;

- Focus on in-stream debris removal; river water levels are low
- Ronda had our clean-up added to American Rivers national clean-up events. American Rivers provided liability waiver and published our event on their website. Our event covered under American Rivers' liability insurance. American Rivers provided 100 trash collection bags
- DoH – Willis is contact and Ronda with her neighbor (Mike Parks). DoH grabbers, gloves, orange bags.
- DEP to provide 2 john boats, trailer for tires at Ronda's
- River companies – Ronda talked to river companies about participation; all responses are pending; Ronda has photos of trash tossing trash in river
- Ronda ordered five grappling hooks to be used by BRWC board only because of liability
- Carlen and Katherine? will staff the welcome staging area at Moulton Park
- Ed will drive the collection truck. Two or more football players to be the loaders
- Ronda is the photographer
- One of the river companies may provide life vests
- Mark and Carl will provide radios
- Carlen has a hand operated come-along
- Snacks – Royce to check with Richman Orchards for fruit, Ronda to contact Lyn W for snack support, Carl, Justin, and Ryan to talk with Royalicious bakery; Appalachian Surveyors provide water; fruit, granola bars, muffins, doughnuts, juices?
- Publicity – flyers distributed; Carlen to handle Charles Town area, Ronda handle newspapers and radio, Ryan to investigate promos trinkets to hand out to participants
- Welcome staging center – Mark to provide canopy and table, all to bring chairs (Carlen has 4), BRWC trifold brochures to hand out, set up at 7 am.
- Ryan to get river clean-up banner(s)? made at Staples

MCC project – Carlen will check flicker and Facebook for photos, need additional photos to add to Stream Partners report due July 31. Need DoH meeting info; more than just the email.

Watershed Celebration, Upper Falls, WV – Carlen submitted application and will attend. August 3 is deadline to register for event. www.wvca.us/wvwn. Carlen will take display.

Business cards – Willis presented a beautiful business card; will make some for Board to use.

Next meeting time/date/location: TBD in September; Tuesday or Thursday evening. Look for Doodle poll.

Agenda Items for September meeting: website update, MCC project update, river clean-up report; thank-you letters to river clean-up participants, BRWC celebration at MCC (pending completion of project); JC Comm \$

Adjourn: 8:14 pm