Llano River Watershed Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 5:30pm August 25, 2016



Paddler's Porch Junction, Texas

Attendees: Holly, Emily, Ruthie, Gary, Koy, Nol, Art, Tyson, Tom

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- Paddling Trail Contact—Scott Richardson has asked that someone else be appointed to be the Paddling Trail Contact w/ TPWD. Holly Platz will check with her supervisor to make sure it is OK and will get back to Tyson. Nol agreed to do it if Holly is unable.
- 3. Approval of Minutes-Nol move. Ruthie second. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Treasurer's Report 331.67 for 500 koozies...63.27 forincubator...Current Balance is \$5265.52
- 5. Membership Report...Nol, Emily, and Koy have renewed. Send out with renewal info with newsletter. Emily will distribute membership information electronically via listserve. Board member sign-up to contact folks on the list. Put membership sign-up in Junction Eagle as well as Rocksprings, Mason and Llano papers. Emily will design using membership card as template. Shoot for \$100/ad. Tyson will contact Llano and Mason papers. Nol will contact Rocksprings and Junction. At the end of this discussion, Gary Garrett suggested that we table this

- action until the State Wildlife Grant arrives as it would cover these costs. Board agreed to table.
- 6. Hour Tracking—Board members provided volunteer hours used to track matching funds for grants.
- 7. Old Business Workshop for realtors and elected officials and River History at Museum—tabled until Z is present to provide an update
 - -Tyson discussed meeting w/ Z and City Secretary re the potential for hooking old Morgan Shady lots to City Sewer system. The city is not going to pursue this action at this time.
 - -Emily noted that TCEQ fined the City of Junction for leaking water to river. The fine was 10k, but the fine can be cut in half if the city proceeds with water conservation efforts to off set the fine by half. The city will be installing low-flow toilets to residents as part of this effort.
- 8. New Business Tyson discussed positive response to newsletter article about brush control and water supply enhancement. Tyson -also met w/ landowners along Johnson Fork re concerns over bamboo. He is going to see if control efforts might fit under LIP program.
 - Tom- Texas EnviroThon will be held next april at LRFS. The Alliance can assist this effort by being judges.
 - Art -distributed the new koozies at the meeting. These will be helpful advertisement for the LRWA.
- 9. Stream Team Monitoring—We have purchased a new incubator for Mason and Llano bacteria sampling. It was discussed what might be the best timeframe for taking bacteria samples. Quarterly will likely work with a focus on getting samples at the beginning and end of summer.
- 10. State Wildlife Grant –*Tyson/Tom/Gary/Holly*—The Board has approved the premise of the Grant application to TPWD.

- Apparently TPWD has yet to submit it; Gary will check w/ Megan re the status of the application.
- 11. Wild & Scenic Film Fest w/ HCA-*Emily*—It has been decided to hold the event Oct 20th at the Odeon Theater in Mason. There will be no charge, but we will put up a donation box. Emily will send out the list of films that will be shown at the Festival. This event will be considered our fall outing.
- 12. River Festival with State Park Holly/Koy/Tom...The group has decided to move the event to spring of 2017 as much planning will be necessary to host a successful event. This decision was based with folks from Enchanted Rock St Park who hosted a similar event previously.
- 13. Membership Drive-previously discussed
- 14. Next Board Meeting—Sept 20th at Paddler's Porch. This location has been a good location to have Board meetings.
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