

WOCAV Board Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2022

Present: Dave Cole, John Daugherty, Layne Giering, John Liebenguth, Norma Liebenguth, Max Lowrie, Jim Ross and George Schmader

President Max Lowrie opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

George moved to dispense with the reading of the 5/3/2022 minutes and approve as presented. John D. seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Max reported:

- Balance, as of 5/3/2022: \$2,642.71
- Income: \$715.00 (Memberships), \$240.00 (Picnic)
- Expenses: \$200 (Jefferson Fair Assn. pavilion rental; \$100 was reimbursed for satisfactory cleanup); \$250 (Donation, Jim Finley memorial); \$62 (USPS P.O. Box annual fee); \$450 (O'Neill's picnic catering)
- Balance, as of September 6, 2022: \$2,445.71
- Membership for 2022-2023: 21 Family, 19 Individual, 1 Assoc.) = 41 total

The group recommended that Max send a reminder email for interested members to renew.

Jim moved to accept the report, Layne seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. PSU sent an acknowledgement for the donation in Jim Finley's memory.
2. Max is continuing to work on the Google Drive project.
3. Picnic: 25 attended; the program on scripture rocks was well received.

New Business:

1. Programs: Jim reported on some ideas for programs. Solar, although solar will be a topic at the annual landowners' conference in February; surveying (easements, r-o-w's/deed language); threats to a forest (insects, invasives, diseases); PA Chapter of the American Chestnut (Gary Gilmore, Smith farm); Carbon Credits; Pruning; Smoked meats; Wildflowers; Bob Schmidt's property as he has conducted a lot of practices that would be of interest to landowners. Max noted that he forwarded programming information from Kelly Culbertson (Cook Forest Conservancy) to Jim. A discussion on prescribed burns ensued.
2. Walk in Penn's Woods: after a brief discussion about lack of turnout with past efforts, the group indicated it was not interested in pursuing.
3. Dave announced that the Bureau of Forestry is in the process of restructuring with a new mission statement and strategic plan. Most likely, carbon and recreation will play into this.
4. Landowners' Conference: Dave reported that the conference will be held Feb. 11 at Clarion University, hopefully in-person. This will be a half-day event, finished by noon with no lunch served. John Daugherty will present on timber management and then concurrent woodland vs backyard topics will follow including solar, wildlife habitat (Scott Wolbert), wildflowers (Will Taylor).
5. Dave had information about a program Cecile would be conducting on soil biology. He also announced that Dave Jackson had left PSU for a private company.

George motioned, Layne seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Liebenguth

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30p.m.