

WOCAV Board Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2022

Present: Layne Giering, John and Norma Liebenguth, Max Lowrie, Holly May, Gene Metcalf, Jim Ross, George Schmader

President Max Lowrie opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Gene moved to dispense with the reading of the 11/2/2021 minutes and approve as presented. George seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Max reported:

- Balance, as of 12/29/2021: \$2,642.71
- Income: 0 (Memberships)
- Expenses: 0
- Balance, as of Jan. 4, 2022 (cashier's check): \$2,642.71
- Membership for 2021-2022: 32 Family, 32 Individual, 1 Assoc.) = 65 total

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

Max reported that he, George and Jackie closed out the Clarion County Community Bank account. They attempted to open a new account at S & T but need to wait for an EIN letter from the IRS.

Old Business:

1. The group discussed the various carbon credit programs. Max will create a carbon credit program page on the website. Holly supplied handouts and will send the links. She will contact PSU Ext. to attempt to obtain a link to the webinar that they recently produced and to see if WOCAV can put it on the website.
2. Clarion Landowners' Conference: Holly reported that it will soon be advertised and that she will send a registration link to share with WOCAV membership.
3. The \$250 donation to the Center for Private Forests in memory of Jim Finley will be mailed once the new checking account is established.
4. Programs: Jim met with Julie Slater, Knox Rod and Gun Club, and discussed having the bluebird box program from 1-2:30 on either March 19th or 26th. The club will provide refreshments for the kids. Layne will contact Deb Freed of Seneca Rocks Audubon to see if she can present. The picnic/annual meeting is tentatively slated for Sept. 10. Holly will see if we are permitted to use the Forest District facility. She discussed a possible presentation on her site improvements including wildflowers, native shrubs, apple orchard and perhaps we could meet there. Gene will see if Tricia Mazik can do a summer program on invasives. Jim has a new invasives booklet that is very good and will send a screenshot of it to Max.

New Business:

1. Max is looking for items for the newsletter. He hopes to have it out by the end of January.
2. Max noted that the Pa Forestry Assn banquet moved from Williamsport to State College.
3. Discussion followed about the Clarion Stewardship Committee and whether WOCAV and this committee were duplicating efforts. Holly said she would review the by-laws to see the role of each so that members who participate in both organizations can further discuss.
4. Since WOCAV is a nominating committee for the Conservation District, Gene asked if there were any nominees for the two open directorship positions. Nominees must be farmers, and this can mean tree farmers, and reside in Clarion County.
5. Max asked John to provide credentials for the WOCAV Gmail account so that he can store information on Google Drive and create access for board members. He will also contact the forestry association magazine to update WOCAV's contact information.

Layne motioned, Jim seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Liebenguth

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.