

WOCAV Minutes 05.02.2017

Present: Layne Giering, Dave Cole, Stacey Wolbert, Max Lowrie, George and Jane Schmader, Jim Ross, John Daugherty, Dennis, Jackie, and Lisa Waldorf, Gene Metcalf

Minutes for the last meeting, approved

Treasurers report:

Previous balance	\$1,882.12
Income	\$25.00
Expenses	\$34.95
New Balance	\$1,872.17

Members --- 65

Treasurer's report, approved

Old Business:

Pruning workshop in Butler was received well with approximately 50 attendees. Dave indicated it was cold (even in the workshop) and that the Butler Eagle newspaper did a story on the workshop.

Stacey indicated that the Woodcock program was also well received with approximately 25 in attendance. There was 1 woodcock that was in the area of the program.

George and Jane Schmader attended the PA Landowners conference in Altoona on March 24-25, 2017. There were numerous programs and exhibitors. Most of the program rooms were full with attendees standing. While the organizers were hoping to draw around 1,000 attendees, conference may need capped at 500-600 simply because the facility is not large enough.

New Business:

Decision was made to elect officers since it is the board's responsibility and organization was originally formed in May:

Max Lowrie elected President

Gene Metcalf elected Vice President (contingent on his election to board by general members)

Joe Lowrie elected Treasurer pending his acceptance

Lee Swoger elected Secretary pending his acceptance

Program committee members agreed to continue to serve (Jim Ross, Stacey Wolbert, Dave Cole)

Brief discussion concerning Jim Finley letter, which Jackie ultimately sent.

Nominations for Contribution to Forestry award were opened.

There is new service forester for Butler / Beaver counties - Zach St. Laurent. Leaves Dave Cole with Clarion & Mercer counties.

Clarion County Conservation District annual luncheon banquet awardees:

Jerry Lutz, Woodland Manager of the Year

Richland Township, Township of the Year

Heavenly Gaits, Farmer of the Year

Dave distributed a story he found in the Journal of the American Chestnut Foundation centering on Gary Gilmore's chestnut commitment

George Schmader suggested we send a 'Thinking of You' type card to George & Joan Freeman. Jackie to follow up.

At the PA landowners conference in Altoona Penn State Extension announced the Statewide 'Walk in Penn's Woods' event scheduled for Sunday October 1, 2017. It was suggested that WOCAV sponsor this event for Clarion County. The website for the event is walkinpennswoods.org

Layne suggested the North Country Trail starting at the rt. 322 / Clarion river access point.

Cook Forest Fire Tower trail also mentioned.

Stacey volunteered to do some more research and report back next meeting.

Program Committee updates:

Growing your own mushrooms

Saturday May 13th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Clear Creek State Forest maintenance garage, 12622 Route 949, Sigel, PA (directly across road from Clear Creek State Park)

John Plischke from Greensburg will be the presenter. He is a mushroom expert, and has done many of these workshops.

Each participant will inoculate a log with spores for Shitake mushrooms. They can then take the log home and harvest fresh mushrooms as they grow. Everything needed, will be provided.

There will be a cost for this, but WOCAV will accept donations in lieu of charging a fee to attend.

03.07.2017 - Quick discussion concerning Mushroom growing program. Dave needed to order spores soon. Order must be in increments of 25, decision was made to order 50.

Dave indicated Gary had volunteered his interns to cut the necessary logs. Jim also volunteered again to get his ironwood removed from property. Lee also volunteered to cut logs from state forest land.

05.02.2017 – only discussion was about the brochure not mentioning online signups via EventBright.com, but Stacey had created a post on Facebook & included a link to the evenbright.com event.

Stacey is doing more posting on Facebook

A day on the farm; restoring the American chestnut, Timber management, and pond management.

** - Due to health issues, this event has been officially canceled.

Annual WOCAV picnic

September 9th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

John Daugherty's property, 5024 Route 208, Knox, PA (overlooking the Beaver Ponds, 2 miles west of Knox)

Consulting Forester and WOCAV board member John Daugherty will give a tour of his Christmas tree farm, Innovations include a double cropping system that maximizes his production area.

O'Neil's will cater picnic again this year, will be setup in barn so no concerns about weather.

Cost will be the same as last year.

May need to get a port-o-jon for the event.

It was decided that we will not need a kid program this year.

Annual WOCAV Holiday party

December 14th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Stacey will provide a video program on Eagles.

Room has been reserved.

Quick Announcements from Dave Cole:

Loving The Land event on May 20, 2017 near Greenville PA. More information available at the website: <http://foundationforsustainableforests.org/loving-the-land>

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Next meeting July 11, 2017 – (Room has been reserved)