

WOCAV Board Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2021

Present: Layne Giering, John and Norma Liebenguth, Holly May, Gene Metcalf, Jim Ross, Stacy Wolbert

In President Max Lowrie's absence, VP John Liebenguth opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Gene moved to dispense with the reading of the 9/7/2021 minutes and approve as presented. Lane seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

John read Max's report:

- Balance, as of 9/7/2021: \$2,587.71
- Income: 0 (Memberships)
- Expenses: 0
- Balance, as of Nov. 2, 2021: \$2,587.71
- Membership for 2021-2022: 32 Family, 32 Individual, 1 Assoc.) = 65 total

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

Old Business:

1. Walk in Penn's Woods: Holly reported that she had one participant on Oct. 2. The group liked the idea of combining the walk with something else, such as walking to Lost in the Wilds Brewery to encourage participation.
2. Clarion Landowners' Conference: Holly reported that it will be held virtually in February on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. Tentative topics include new strategies for riparian forest buffers with David Wise from Stroud (Water Research Center); climate change & invasive species, Dr. Bethany Bradley, UMass; permitting, building and maintenance for ponds, wetlands and waterways, Jefferson Conservation District; forest health update (spotted lanternfly, HWA, etc.)/building resilient and diverse forests to resist invasives, Dave Cole.
3. WOCAV checking account: Max had sent word that he would be speaking with Jackie soon.
4. There were no nominations for Board Members or officer positions. Norma and John volunteered to help with the newsletter.
5. Layne found the bylaws. Holly made copies for everyone present. Stacy will type them up so that an electronic version will be available. Discussed bylaw change to move the annual meeting from June to September.

New Business:

1. Carbon Credit Markets: Layne and Gene both participate in the NACX program. Holly applied in October. Layne and Gene will share information about NACX's upcoming webinar on November 10th. Holly met with a rep from Family Forest Carbon program concerning their two programs. Layne will contact Nate from the American Forest Foundation to see if he could present to us remotely at our January meeting.
2. John moved to send a \$250 donation to the Center for Private Forests in memory of Jim Finley. Gene seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Programs: Stacy stated that Jim needs help on the program committee. The group discussed the following programs: American Forest Foundation Carbon Credits (January); Landowners' Conference (February); Bluebird Program (March); Pruning (April); Wildflowers, Picnic/Annual Meeting, Smoked Venison (September). Other potential topics included Wildflowers (Will Taylor, Jennings) and Invasives (Tricia Mazik \$500 grant).

Layne motioned, Gene motioned, and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Liebenguth

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.