

**QUITTAPAHILLA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Annville Town Hall**  
**January 15, 2019**

Present: Mike Schroeder, Karen Feather, Kent Crawford, Russ Collins, Alicia Norris, Sean Droms

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

1. Mike provided an update on the QWA website – no luck recovering the domain [www.QuittapahillaWatershedAssociation.org](http://www.QuittapahillaWatershedAssociation.org), but a new domain purchased at [www.QuittieCreek.org](http://www.QuittieCreek.org) – the hope is to get the website up & running again in the coming days.
2. Mike offered a reminder about the Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited (DFTU) Annual Banquet at 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville (for the registration form see <https://www.dftu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Banquet-Invitation-1.pdf>). At its December meeting the QWA has agreed to place another ad in the Annual Banquet program at a cost of \$50; Mike will take care of the ad details.
3. Karen provided an update on recent discussions among The Lebanon Valley Conservancy (TLVC) Board regarding the the Sunoco Penalty Grant. The next step is to ask landowners who signed the Landowner Access Authorization forms to sign the second Letter of Commitment form, with a deadline of January 31. Russ offered to spearhead the effort to have landowners sign this second Letter of Commitment form; Mike agreed to send Russ a list of landowners who signed the first form for Snitz Creek Project 2 and Beck Creek Project 6.
4. Karen made several other announcements relating to TLVC: (1) the fundraiser at Chipotle Restaurant, 1451 Quentin Rd., Lebanon on Sun. Jan. 27 from 5-9 p.m., during which 33 percent of the proceeds will be donated to TLVC. (2) A similar fundraiser on Sun. Feb. 17 at Panera Bread, also at 1451 Quentin Rd. in Lebanon. (3) TLVC is a sponsor of the Tour de Lebanon Bike Ride on Sat. June 8.
5. Kent announced that he and Russ have submitted two proposals to PA Trout Unlimited for its Forever Wild Grants (max. \$1,500) – the first for the QWA’s summer 2019 interns, and the second for monitoring equipment.
6. Summer 2019 Internships. Discussion was held regarding a “plan B” for summer 2019 interns in case the Forever Wild grant is not forthcoming. Kent noted that Pennsylvania-American Water has a grant program and offered to take the lead in investigating and developing a grant proposal.
7. Monitoring Program. Discussion was held regarding the QWA’s monitoring obligations moving forward. Kent reported on his discussions with Rocky Powell, who believes that the QWA has the resources to undertake the requisite monitoring. Kent emphasized that measuring both stream flow and the chemistry of the water are essential elements of an effective monitoring program, and again suggested C-SAW for any needed technical assistance (Consortium for Technical Assistance to Watersheds, at <https://www.c-saw.info/>).

8. Kent offered several corrections to the draft minutes circulated for the Dec. 18, 2018 meeting regarding the Snitz Creek /Dairy Rd project (stake-out done Dec. 7, materials on-site before Christmas, construction began Jan. 3, 2019). Kent further suggested that it would be very helpful if Kelly Cottingham might be able to make a drone video of the construction area.
9. Contracting construction on future projects. Discussion was held regarding the prospect of asking for up to three bids for construction for future stream projects. Conversations with Rocky indicate the he has no problem with the QWA asking for multiple bids, though he also emphasized that Lee Irwin's Aquatic Resources Restoration Company (ARRC, at <https://arrc1.com/>) does very good work. Russ emphasized that new contractors must be screened very carefully, and that some contractors are true artists, while others, not so much.
10. Russ reported on his conversations with several landowners regarding projects on their properties on Bachman Run and Killinger Creek and will keep the QWA apprised as these conversations move forward.
11. Treasurer's Report: Alicia reported that the QWA has \$2,164.56 in its bank account.
12. A new policy was agreed to by consensus that dues will be collected on the second (February) meeting of each calendar year. The following members paid their annual dues in the following amounts:
  - a. Sean: \$20 for himself and Kelly Cottingham
  - b. Karen: \$20 for herself and Mike
  - c. Russ: \$20 for two years
  - d. Kent: \$20 for two years

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schroeder, Secretary Pro Tem