

# South Santiam Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016

In attendance:

Eric Andersen, Elea Hewitt, Angela Clegg, Katherine Meyr, Scott Marlega, Nancy MacHugh, Norm Kaldahl, Diane Kaldahl, Nancy Gilmore Rob Emmons, Katie Kohl

The meeting started at 6:30pm.

The October 20, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

The meeting agenda was changed slightly and education was discussed first.

Angela Clegg gave Camp Tadmor is scheduled for March 5-9 2016. It is usually in June, but was moved for spring break. Lindsay Anderson (USFS) is helping out with planning and coordination. There will be an onsite nurse or EMT due to the large number of students. This is a new change in the 2016 program. There has never been a problem in the past but with the growing number of attendees, it was thought to be a good idea. There is an education program book that Angie has been working on for quite a while. The book outline will be in sync with education program standards in order to increase it's usefulness. The local principal and teachers will review and provide feedback. There are 2 weeks booked for Camp Tadmor in 2017. There is an education program structure that Angie put together with different student levels and outcomes for the levels. Each level has a name such as fry, smolt etc to indicate the progress in the program. We would like to expand our donor network. Currently we receive occasional donations and there are levels of giving. However, there is no strategy in place for developing a long term funding for the STEWARDS program. The program is very important to the SSWC. This should be a high priority and outside advice will most likely be needed to provide guidance on options. Our member list needs to be updated for the donation discussion. Also, there is a summer work program / internship in the works and is a project for spring.

It was suggested to copyright the education manual.

The YWC Lebanon youth attendee Katherine Myer gave an update. The group is working on Cheadle lake as a project site. Last year they looked at the Santiam river. They are focusing on turtles and turtle habitat. Nesting areas needed. People can be a problem because they take them for pets. Safer habitat and basking sites are needed. They are also looking at over all water quality and water health of Cheadle Lake. Outreach to the community on activities will be ongoing. The Build Lebanon Trails is assisting the YWC with Cheadle Lake activities.

The YWC Sweet Home youth attendee, Elena Hewitt, gave an update. The Camco river mill site will have planting done in February of 2016. The site was treated in the fall of 2015 by Rosario Franco to remove infestations of ivy and blackberry. There are about 1,000 trees and shrubs to

be planted at the site. The Sweet Home YWC is documenting on the ground conditions at the anticipated future site of jamboree (e.g. old Knife River property). They hope to show progress of the water levels over the winter so as to understand the fluctuations that happen at the ponds. Restoration of Ames creek is ongoing with 6 clean ups a year. More planting is anticipated in 2016..

Donor letter - Nancy G and Eric Andersen will work on this in combination with mailing list.

Volunteer policy adopted. This will be sent to our insurance agent to determine price and other details.

Board elections were discussed and the process was started. All current board members want to stay on the board. As per our by laws, half of our board is up for election. Those are Nancy Gilmore, Norm Kahldahl, Diane Kahldahl, Rob Emmons and Laura LaRoque. The remainder will be voted next year. A secret ballot will be mailed out in January to our members. However, our mailing list needs to be updated first. In our by laws anyone on our mailing list is considered a member. There is no cost for being a member and participation is voluntary.

The board decided that the Youth watershed council will have 2 ex officio members, one representing each school.

Our accountant is working on our 990 form for filing. Eric is providing any relevant information that is needed to complete the form, such as board contact info.

There was a brief projects update by Eric. Tree planting will occur in February for 4 sites on Crabtree Creek, Studhorse creek (near town of Crabtree) and Hamilton creek. Joe Thompson will be working with Rosario on the details of cooler logistics, planting and related needs. A regional grant written by BEF to the Arbor day foundation will provide funding for some of the plants.

A time lapse camera has been placed at the upper Crabtree creek side channel connection project site. The camera was placed on Dec 17, 2015 and will be removed during spring 2016. The main goal was to capture several pictures per day of the mouth of the inlet, to show fluctuating water levels and functionality of the side channel. A second time lapse camera will be placed on Morgan Johnson creeks to capture footage of one of the log structures.

The next meeting with a speaker will on April 19, 2016 and will showcase the Youth watershed Councils from Sweet Home and from Lebanon. An intermediary board meeting will occur in February or March to update board members on Council progress and any pertinent items.

Meeting adjourned 8pm