

STATE WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Annual Retreat
April 4, 2008
MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Members/Alternates: Dave Duree, Fred Jacobs, Neil Jacobs, Shannon Lucas, Terry Matthews, Ed Merrifield, Matthew Pajerowski, Burton Sklar, Frank Wise, Steve Witt, Victoria Woodward

Excused Absences: Emery Cleaves, Senator Dyson, Thaddeus Graczyk, Jan Graham, Norm Meadow, Anne Pearson, Nancy Pentz, Edwin Singer, Bill Stack, Mark Symborski, Karen Wiggen, George Wilmot

Others: Sherm Garrison (DNR), Connie Lyons (MDE), Alan Klotz (DNR), Chris Thomas (MDE), Carolyn Mathews (DNR), Bob Miller, Laura Michael & Cassandra McCrae (George's Creek Watershed Association), Kelly Martin (WMRC&D)

Victoria Woodward opened the meeting with introductions at 10:30 a.m. Victoria reminded everyone that this is the Annual meeting and that at the subsequent meeting is the presentation of the slate for nomination of officers. Dave Duree will chair Nomination Subcommittee. At the August meeting the election will be held. Please get nominations in to Dave by the June meeting. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the August meeting. Minutes from February 1, 2008 meeting could not be approved because there was not a quorum.

Presentations

Acid Mine Drainage in Maryland: Past, Present & Future – Joe Mills, MDE's Bureau of Mines

Stream Restoration in Youghiogheny – Alan Klotz, DNR

Deep Creek Lake Summary – Carolyn Mathews

Subcommittee Reports

Water Resources – Frank Wise *

- Water Leasing Policy – subcommittee drafted letter
- Discussion on specific components of draft policy
- Letter is short on specifics and broad on generality
- Given out to members to review
- No quorum to vote on letter
- Submit it to Executive Subcommittee for further consideration
- Suggested putting letter on June Agenda for further discussion
- *Victoria Woodward recused herself from that portion of the meeting as she also sits on the Wolman committee & was appointed to the subcommittee addressing the same issue.

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Watershed Subcommittee – Shannon Lucas

- Looking at draft Chapter 5 of Stormwater Management Act
- Received feedback from some subcommittee members
- Should have something for Executive Subcommittee this month

Wastewater– Dave Duree

- Establish process for certification of onsite systems service/maintenance operators
- Regulatory driven
- Not going to happen until next legislative session
- Intermittent streams issue is in Triennial Review process

Miscellaneous

AMD Subcommittee

- Victoria suggested forming ad hoc subcommittee to work with watersheds
- Neil Jacobs volunteered to head up committee
- Workgroup volunteers: Kelly Martin, Ed Merrifield, Mat Pajerowski, Victoria Woodward, Laura Michael, Cassandra McCrae, Dave Duree, Connie Lyons
- Subcommittee to draft letter

Membership

- Vacancies – 1 Public Interest, 3 Economic Interest & 3 Private Citizen
- Dave Duree will continue on as Membership Chair

MDE

- Executive Subcommittee to set up meeting with Jay Sakai & Bob Summers
- Set up after legislative session is over.

Website

- DNR has been gracious funding website
- Moved to a DNR server
- Web address will remain the same
- It can be tracked better
- Minutes kept only back to 2 years
- Tony Allred in charge of updates/changes
- Thank you to DNR for their efforts

Meeting Adjourned 1:30 p.m.

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Bureau of Mines- George's Creek Watershed- AMD Tour -

Members took a 2-hour tour & viewed several types of acid mine drainage remediation & some continuing drainage that has not yet been remediated. Seeps from the hillside will remain a continuous problem