1. Call to Order & Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelly.

Roundtable introductions were made.

2. Approve Past Meeting Minutes

Hauser motioned to approve the May 27, 2015 Board of Directors meeting minutes without revision. Schneider seconded and the motion was approved.

3. Reports

   a. Treasurer’s Report: Beginning account balance was $26,557.55. Ending balance as of May 27, 2015, was $61,103.03. The $35,000 grant check from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District was deposited. See Attachment 1 for an itemized list of account activity.

      There are two outstanding invoices remaining from 2014. The first is for River Network for the purchase of Year of Clean Water water bottles. Hauser waiting on a corrected invoice. The second invoice is for Riverside Native Trees for the purchase of trees for planting along Baldwin Creek. Hrubey volunteered to contact the owner of Riverside Native Trees and resolve the issue.
b. **Committee Reports:** *Executive Committee:* This board meeting originally included a presentation from BVU: The Nonprofit Center for Excellence on the organization’s offerings for non-profits. BVU was unable to attend when the board meeting date was changed from June 24 to June 18. Hrubey motioned that a Board of Directors meeting be held in July. Nortz seconded and the motion was approved. Hrubey will send out a Doodle poll to determine the best meeting date.

*Development Committee:* The August 14 fundraiser appears later on the meeting agenda.

*Outreach Committee:* A chairman is still needed.

Schneider wrote a summary of what has been completed to date for the July 22 picnic and volunteer appreciation event (Attachment 2). Discussion followed related to the Raptor Show, food for the event, and additional programming ideas.

c. **Stream Team Reports:** *Abram Creek:* Hauser is still part of the Abram Creek Greenway TLCI study. The Baldwin Creek Stream Team is coordinating with Cleveland Metroparks to have a volunteer clean up at Fowles Marsh near Southwest General Hospital.

*Baldwin Creek:* A Stream Team meeting was held June 17 at the home of team member Joan Kuzcek. A primary topic of conversation was residential septic issues that are compromising the quality of Baldwin Creek. The Stream Team is planning on having a table at Middleburg Heights Days.

*Brunswick Area:* Kelly is hosting a stream cleanup on July 11 in conjunction with the citywide Clean Up Brunswick Day. Lizewski will assist Kelly. Gary Ditch is being renamed to Goodyear Creek. That renaming process is ongoing.

*Coe Creek:* Hrubey intends to implement a stream maintenance program for Coe Creek. Implementation would likely be done in conjunction with a stream walk educational event. The next Stream Team meeting is scheduled for June 25. At that meeting Stream Team members will select two intersections to install stream signs and a target area for Lake Erie Protection Fund grant. Hrubey requested a letter of support from the board for the culvert removal project along Coe Creek.


*West Branch:* Schneider provided a report on the activities of the West Branch Stream Team (Attachment 3). The stream signs selected at the last board meeting have been installed. The July 22 picnic will be used to announce the next Stream Team event: a river walk on July 31 to look for issues in the West Branch. Schneider reported on a series of stream restoration projects and clean up events taking place along the West Branch that are unrelated to the Rocky River Watershed Council.

5. Business Items

a. Vacant Board of Director Seats:

Consideration of Bethany Eppig: Eppig has experience in outreach activities, but would like to gain experience in development and fundraising. She created a partnership between Cleveland Hopkins Airport and NASA Glenn. Eppig’s resume has been enclosed as Attachment 4. Prahst motioned to make Eppig a director of the Rocky River Watershed Council. Morton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BVU Board Matching Services: Hrubey motioned to engage BVU and its board matching services. These services are free; membership is not required. Schneider seconded and the motion passed. Hrubey will be BVU’s point of contact.

b. Outreach Committee Chairmanship: The position is still available. Kelly has volunteered to serve as interim chairman.

c. “Clean Water Craft Beer” Fundraiser: Nortz and Hrubey visited the Brew Kettle in Strongsville as a possible venue. The fundraiser will be held at Your Wine Cellar, which is attached to the Brew Kettle. It is a smaller space that fits approximately 50 individuals. There will be no regular tables; perhaps a few high tops. Board members need to focus on donations and communications. Hrubey and Lizewski will approach the Cleveland Metroparks and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for sponsorships, respectively.

d. Development Committee Brochure: The brochure is still in progress.

e. Status Update on Watershed Stream Signage Program: Two signs went up in the last month on the West Branch. Another two are ready to go. Schneider and Peppard will meet to discuss the lone unsigned stream crossing on the East Branch. Coe Creek crossings will be selected in advance of the July board meeting. The two selected Baldwin Creek crossings are in progress; one involves two cities and the other is currently in a construction zone.

f. Implementation of Lake Erie Protection Fund Grant: No report. Jared Bartley absent. This will be the first business item on the July board meeting agenda.

6. Miscellaneous

Kelly asked about logistics for stream cleanings that involve private property. Most stream cleanups to date took place on public land. The recommendation was for Kelly to follow up on this topic when Bartley returns from vacation.

Hrubey suggested the Rocky River Watershed Council take a more active role in the Rocky River annual cleanup in future years.

Hrubey also suggested it was time for the board to uphold its unexcused absence policy. One board member has now accumulated four unexcused absences. Kelly will notify the full board of the policy prior to disciplinary action being taken.
7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by Board of Directors: July 29, 2015
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SUMMARY

RRWC Annual Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation Day
July 22, 2015  5pm to 8pm
Mill Stream Park in Valley City, OH
(RT 303 to Maple St - ends at park)

1. LOCATION Rented Park Pavilion and concession stand area ($100) plus $50 deposit for each (paid)

2. ENTERTAINMENT Medina Raptor Center show at 6pm
   Laura Jordan 330-591-7300  
   cost $150 (not paid)
   Bringing 3 to 5 birds (see contract for full details!)

3. RRWC PROGRAM Jared talked about river walk looking for issues right around the park

4. FOOD – Outreach committee members to bring: beverages, watermelon, ice cream bars
   This park does NOT have grills.
   Options: If you liked Old School House Catering (used for What's the Buzz)
   We could get food delivered FOOD can arrive at 5pm
   A. $400 off A la Cart menu  ($8 per person)
      Menu: Fried chicken, Roast Pork & Kraut, Potato salad, Mac salad,
      Cucumber salad, Corn Souffle, Cookies, Strudel
   B. Cook Out menu $10 per p Hot dogs, burgers, sides & salads x 50 = $500

5. Volunteer appreciation gifts for 2015 – RRWC water bottles (paid)

6. PR - starts June 22, 2015
   Medina Gazette
   Liverpool Township website
   RRWC website
   Medina S&WCD website & Facebook
   Cuyahoga S&WCD website
   Cleveland.com website
West Branch Stream Team Report
June 2015

Accomplishments:

Sent in report to Jared & Ocean agency from May stream clean-up

Assistant Leader: Jill Morton

Two stream signs are up! On River Styxs Road

Next event is scheduled so it can be announced at RRWC Picnic & July QRTLY Meeting

River Walk with Watershed Coordinator

Meet at Mill Stream Park in Valley City

Friday July 31, 2015 9:30am to 11:30am

Motto: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” -- Margaret Mead
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EDUCATION
Cleveland State University (Cleveland, OH) 
Graduate Program for Environmental Science
Graduated December 2013 
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Allegheny College (Meadville, PA)
Environment Science (Chemistry Focus)
Graduated December 2010 
Cumulative GPA: 3.0

JOB & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
Environmental Engineer - NASA Glenn Research Center (June 2012-PRESENT)
- Invasive species management: Various management activities include organization of controlled field burns, landscape maintenance consultations, monitoring of species, and educational outreach activities
- Endangered and threatened species management: duties include keeping up to date information in regards to Federal and State listed endangered species and the policies surrounding them as well as being the acting interface between GRC and regulatory agencies, such as EPA, USFWS, ODN, etc. during construction activities
- Prepare reports and other documents as required to support regulation compliance

Teaching Assistant (Biology Lab) – Cleveland State University (August 2012-August 2013)
- Instructional duties included: composing lectures, tutoring during office hours, managing students during lab, creating, administering, and grading of quizzes, and grading of lab reports
- Prepared instructional materials and classroom displays for use online (via blackboard system) and in class

Biofuels Consultant - Ohio Aerospace Institute at NASA Glenn Research Center (June 2009 – June 2012)
- Researched and experimented on the adaptation of freshwater algae to salt water environments for use in aviation biofuels
- Researched and experimented with the optimization of the growth of a macro-algae for use in waste water treatment facilities

Nanomaterials Intern – NASA Ames Research Center (January 2011-May 2011)
- Researched the optimization of growth, mechanical, and electrical components of piezoelectric nanowires. This research contributed to a publication on improved nanowire growth with use of new substrates

Electrical Engineering Intern – NASA Glenn Research Center (June 2008-August 2009)
- Supported the completion of the biofuels combustion engine for aviation use

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Thesis Research:
- Experimental procedure and write up on the adaptation of high lipid freshwater algae to adjust to open ocean water conditions. Research includes monitoring, sterilization, problem solving, and chemical analysis.

ACTIVITIES
Exploring Post Advisor for Post 634 at NASA Glenn Research Center– eXtreme Green
- Mentored high school students in alternative, sustainable, and renewable energy research projects

Delta Delta Delta Sorority
- Member Development Chairman, Continuing Education Chairman, Served on Standards Board, and Founding Mother (Epsilon Iota Chapter)