

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, April 21, 2014
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order, Review agenda & minutes (6:30)

Board members present: Alta Tura, Bill Templin, Chad Rinde, Ed Clark.

Guest: Gregg Bates.

2. No minutes from March 20, 2014

3. Treasurer's report – Chad prepared a report, but no paper copy for the group to review. We will catch up next month.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 7:00 – 7:30

- a. Creek Week Report. Numbers seem lower this year – fewer volunteers and less trash, but the event was a success. Lower rainfall, spring break and conflicting events... Waiting for reports back from garbage haulers, recycling events, etc. The park districts, Rancho Cordova did a good job of managing the volunteers. EventBrite worked well for volunteer registrations.

Celebration firsts: Sacramento Bee was an exhibitor, Carmichael C of C took care of the food, San Juan Unified School district exhibited and highlight the Creek Week art project, people were given prizes to “like” our Facebook page.

Unexpected expenses of grabber purchase.

Great food at the Splash off!

- b. Hydromodification Plan for Sacramento Region – The plan is being revised by the Regional Water Board after review. It should be an improvement over the plan proposed by the municipalities.
- c. South Sacramento HCP update – Agencies and environmental reps continue to meet. Elk Grove has dropped out.
- d. Friends of Dry Creek Parkway update – Randy Aeschliman of Rio Linda, led an SRCC crew in removing red sesbania from Magpie Creek as part of the Creek Week clean-up.
- e. Citrus Heights Creek Corridor Trail Project – City Council accepted the feasibility study for priority 1 trails.
- f. Antelope Sierra Creek restoration area update – Ed reports the creek is dry now. The trees are doing great. Dri water is to be changed in May. Gregg recently learned that an Antelope neighbor has been replacing the tube protectors and transplanting plants. Gregg thinks it is best to wait until the weeds are dry to mow them. Alta suggests the Antelope HS students distribute fliers in the neighborhood explaining the mowing schedule.
- g. Exhibit – ARC Earth Day. April 23 from 8 until 3. Alta too busy to do this.
Wild & Scenic Film Festival April 25. Transfer of pieces. Alta send sign-in sheets to Chad.
Kids Art Festival – April 26, 10 to 3 – Sponsor Board needed
Cruise the Creek May 10. Ed will represent us.
Walk on the Wild side May, 17 9:30 to 4. Alta will see if Peter is able to help.

- h. Plan for recruiting new SACC board members – Targeted search for new board members with a strategic message to be used throughout the year. We need to review & prioritize our scope of work and consider what work might be jettisoned. Suggestion that Linda Melody of Carmichael Chamber of Commerce be invited attend SACC board meetings and/or Creek Week Planning committee meetings.
- Adopt A Creek – Bill has set up a Facebook page for Arcade Creek Adopt A Creek Project. One reason Bill started this Facebook Page is to raise awareness of the various groups and entities that have adopted Arcade Creek (without realizing it) and the volunteer efforts happening up and downstream from them.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill & Alta
- Web site – Peter & Alta
- Regional Watershed Collaborative – Gregg reports Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative met March 28 and will next meet May 2. The meetings are to prepare for outreach we plan to do this summer to inform other groups of the collaborative and invite them to join. Adopt A Creek is the anchor at this point. John Williams is running A-A-C projects in Loomis and Rocklin. Still working out how liability coverage and web site management will be handled in each jurisdiction. Rancho Cordova Public Works (Dana Grossi) is interested in meeting with VFWC to discuss the partnership possibilities in conducting their stormwater drainage program.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Budget Item – Determine available funds to promote programs such as Hawks, Honkers & Hoots and Nature Center classroom presentations. Other efforts to investigate: American River Conservancy and CREEK.
- b) Science Museum received a grant that included some money for Creek Week – Suggestion to purchase Plastic, Ahoy for distribution to school programs requesting it. The group agrees this is a good idea. Alta is directed to follow up with Sue Douglas about it. We need more details about the grant request and the amount of money available. How would we select recipients of the books?

6. Next Board Meeting Date – May 19, 2014

7. Adjournment (8:00)

Announcement:

Laguna Creek Watershed Council Cruise the Creek date change – May 10