



A watershed community  
dedicated to preserving, protecting,  
and restoring the Mark West Creek and its watershed  
as a natural and community resource.

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MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2011

**Present:** Ray, Sherry, Penny, BranDee, Megan, Josh, Harriet, and Bill

**Minutes:**

Previous meeting minutes were APPROVED without amendments

**Financial Report:**

We currently have \$9986.11 in our checking account, this does not include \$777 raised from the December newsletter.

Bill informed us that there are regular, reoccurring expenses each year (website hosting, email listserves, newsletter, Hike & Hoot invites, Hike & Hoot expenses, road and creek clean-up expenses) that come to approximately \$1750 per year.

Fiscal Sponsor discussion will be put on May's agenda.

**Guest Facilitator:**

We will continue with the existing arrangement (Ray and Bill).

## **Road signs:**

There was a discussion about getting sign about wildlife and trash in the watershed. Megan will contact artist to see if offer is still available. If so, Megan to contact four potential sign locations

- A) The horse stables (the Richards)
- B) The sheep farm (the Milbergs)
- C) Alpine Hall (Jean)
- D) Jennifer Joell (top of hill on Calistoga Road)

## **Community Building:**

This discussion will be put on May's agenda

## **Hike & Hoot:**

Some of the supplies used in for the Road Clean-Up can be re-deployed for the H&H: like the water and lemonade crocks.

AC's coffee maker and chafing dish are in two large plastic totes in Doerksen's pig room (back of barn)

Beer: Sherry to get 8 cases from Lagunitas

Ray will make lemonade

Main courses:

- i) Harriet veggie chili
- ii) Ray: lasagna
- iii) Penny: chicken dish
- iv) Rice cookers: 2 from Harriet, 1 from Penny?

Penny will get 3 20 pound bags of ice on Friday

Josh will be asked to provide an iPod with music

Live Music:

- i) Ray will ask Craig Anderson and Dave Hardy
- ii) Penny will ask Mike

Kenwood Wildlife Center will have a table and owl boxes for purchase  
Bill to add KWC to our website and will email out announcements  
about the H&H

Harriet will send out the updated H & H task list – Sue and BranDee  
will print it out and bring to the next MR meeting

There was a brief discussion about making FMWW t-shirts as a  
possible (small) fundraiser and awareness raiser. Bill will investigate:  
costs, colors, shirts, and logistics.

### **Road & Creek Clean-Up:**

Jeff has all the county permits and supplies under control

Bill will buy 10 trash picker-uppers at \$2.99 each from Harbor Freight;  
APPROVED (unused can be returned).

Ray will go with Jeff on Thursday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) to get signs from the  
County.

Ray and Josh will set-up signs on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at  
8AM and then collect them after lunch that day.

Bill will meet with Jonathan Glass to get the status of LandPath's  
participation at the cleanup, the will meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the  
Stewardship Meeting at Ray's house.

There was a variety of approaches proposed for sorting trash from recycling. Bill will bring markers so orange bags can be clearly marked "Trash" or "Recycle".

### **Stewardship Committee:**

Harriet shared that Cresta project was a nice success, it was fulfilling work, fun, and there was some interest from potential new FMWW members

Cresta still needs volunteers for the regular care of the new plantings, contact Harriet if you are interested

### **History Committee:**

Lee has built the basic structure of new History website and has been busy converting previous interviews into digital format, the committee has a good list of people they want to interview next.

### **Fundraising Committee:**

Sherry discussed the issues with hosting an Environmental Movie Night, the biggest concern being potentially very low attendance and proceeds.

There was a brief brainstorming of other ideas; the discussion will be continued at the May meeting.

### **Emergency Preparedness Committee:**

There was a great turnout for the Defensible Space Training on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Bill reported that the format was very detailed and informative.

### **Facebook page for FMWW:**

Bill suggested that the fastest way for FMWW to become “interactive” is to simply create an FMWW Facebook page and asked if anyone was interested in being the moderator

**Secretary:**

Josh will be unavailable to take minutes through the summer, choosing another secretary will be on the April Meeting’s agenda

Respectfully submitted,

-Josh Tracy