

Honey Creek Watershed Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2008

2:30pm-4:00pm

**Roll Call:** Cy Circle, Amy Holden, Liz McClure, Scott Myers, Steve Hodge, Mo Eichman and Leigh Ann Gerardi and Holly Weatherhead who also took minutes.

**Report of January Minutes**

- A. January Minutes were accepted with out changes. Mo moved for acceptance of the minutes, so moved by Amy and seconded by Scott. MCU.

**Fiscal Report**

- A. *Checking Account Report* – This month’s deposits included \$20 from for our first Honey Creek Catering donation, and \$100 for Chin’s Ginger Grill’s business membership. There were no withdrawals this month

*HCWA 5/3 Checking Account Summary*

**January 10- February 14, 2008**

**Beginning Cash Balance: \$8,298.18**

**DEPOSITS:**

2/5/2008	Honey Creek Catering	1% of Catering profits	\$20.00
2/5/2008	Chin’s Ginger Grill	Business gold Membership	\$100.00

**TOTAL DEPOSITS:**

**\$120.00**

**WITHDRAWALS: NONE**

**ENDING CASH BALANCE:**

**\$8,418.18**

**Miami SWCD / HCWA Account**

**January 10- February 14, 2008**

**NO ACTIVITY**

**Accounts Summary**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>HCWA Checking Account</b>	<b>\$8,418.18</b>
<b>Miami SWCD / HCWA Account</b>	<b>\$27,309.33</b>

**Total HCWA Funds Available: \$35,727.51 as of (02/14/2008)**

- B. *Signatures* - Signatures required for updating the banking accounts were done prior to the meeting. Changes to the account included updating Chris Thompson to Amy Holden as Treasurer and updating Nikki Reese to Leigh Ann Gerard as director.
- C. *Miami SWCD/HCWA 319 Grant account* – On January , 28, 2008 we received \$19,283.03 from OEPA for our January 2, 2008 payment request. Withdrawals from this account included \$63.49 for the cell phone bill and \$1900 to Lawhon & Associates for our NPDES permit. Mo stated that he would like to see how much we have left in our 319 grant funds. Leigh Ann and Kreig will check their records.

**Miami SWCD / HCWA 319 Checking Account  
January 10, 2008- February 14, 2008**

**Beginning Cash Balance: \$86.11**

**WITHDRAWALS:**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Monthly HCWA Cell Phone Bill paid 1-17-08	\$63.49
NPDES permit to Lawhon and Asso. for Honey Creek Restoration Project paid 1-28-08	\$1900.00

**TOTAL WITHDRAWALS: \$1963.49**

**DEPOSITS**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
January 2, 2008 Payment Request reimbursement. Received 1-28-08	\$19,283.03

**TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$19,283.03**

**ENDING CASH BALANCE: \$17,405.65**

- D. *Miami SWCD/HCWA Special Fund Account* – Leigh Ann stated there is an additional \$3354.06 in this account, as the estimated coordinator salary and fringe benefits for December of 2007 was not used. This change will be reflected in March's report. Mo moved for acceptance of the fiscal reports, so moved by Scott and seconded by Holly. MCU.

**Report of Officers and Director**

- A. OEPA 319 Grant Update – Leigh Ann turned in the Quarterly Fiscal and Semi-annual reports this month.

#### **Report of Standing Committees –**

- A. *Fundraising Committee* – We are selling the Elder-Beerman coupons again. They are \$5 per booklet and the sale day will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Coupons taken by Board members to sell are as follows, Amy-5, Scott-10, Mo-20, Holly-13, Kreig-5, Liz-5, and Steve-4. Leigh Ann suggested having a 50/50 raffle as the fund raiser for this year’s Annual Banquet instead of an auction. Amy said these tickets could also be sold before hand to raise more money. The duck race will be the fundraiser for the watershed festival again this year. **Next fundraising meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm at Sullivan Rd.**
- B. *Memberships* – Leigh Ann stated that most invoices have been sent out to the municipalities, and she is still working on the rest. She wants to contact some of them before mailing them an invoice. She is still setting dates to approach those who have not yet given to us (Huber Heights, City of Dayton, Bethel twp Clark Co.) She is learning the database of who has given to us in the past and when. The issue of increasing the lifetime membership amounts has been deferred to the fundraising committee.

#### **New Business**

- A. *Ohio Public Works (Natural Resource Committee for green space funding)* – Mo would like for Leigh Ann to try to get on the committee as it designates where funding is going and would be informative. Leigh Ann has emailed the contact for this committee and has not heard back from her yet. Mo has another contact that she can use for the committee.
- B. *Additional Board Members* – Leigh Ann expressed the idea of approaching business-oriented people (i.e. Bankers, Real estate reps, Large local company reps) to be on the board. She is interested in gaining perspectives from people that are not related to the field of water run off. She stated that there is a large, urban portion of the population that influences the watershed who are unaware of watershed issues and she feels their view point should be represented on the board. Another idea would be to have them on a business advisory council or the fund raising committee. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Amy suggested the Chamber of Commerce maybe a good contact for this as well.

#### **Old Business**

- A. *DP&L* – Leigh Ann has left a message for Ginny Strausburg regarding her decision, with no response. She talked with Gregg Tokar, the DP&L transfer engineer who has seen the site with Nikki, and he said they are planning to stabilize the bank around the pole but Ginny is making the decision whether to use the stabilization money as an in-kind contribution to our HCP project or as another project. Mo asked Holly if she can take the next step on this issue as they have to make a decision about it by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. *NAWCA Grant* – Leigh Ann has left messages regarding the Miami County Park District’s participation in the grant. No response yet.

- C. *Watershed Festival* – Johnny Apple seed will not be able to make this year’s festival and Tama from the park district, is looking for alternative entertainment. We are adding Earthball games this year. Leigh Ann stated that she needs volunteers and donations (about \$4000) for this year’s festival. The festival committee is hoping to make large banners for major donors to hang on the side of the barn for advertisement. She is checking with the Farm Bureau for help with the banners. OEPA has agreed to do the electro-fishing demonstration. If it rains they will still do a presentation for the public. Liz has been working on the wagon rides. Linda and Leigh Ann have been working on the educational displays. Scott mentioned that changing the name of the festival may be advantageous, as the term “Honey Creek” has been associated with the unwanted Honey Creek Development in Troy. It was also mentioned that we don’t want to totally change the name as we want to instill the term Honey Creek in to a local house-hold name. The group came up with the name “Honey Creek WaterFest”
- D. *Annual Banquet* – Leigh Ann will check with the Stull Preserve and Elizabeth Township community Center for have the banquet sometime in June. She will then email the Board with the results.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- A. *Training* – Leigh Ann asked if she could get approval to go to 3 trainings. One for Low Impact Development training, one for building organizational skills, and one for Green Roof design training. The Board stated there is only \$500 in the budget for training and would leave it up to her if she wants to spend most of it now.

#### **Adjournment**

Mo moved for adjournment, so moved by Steve and seconded by Cy. MCU.

**Next meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm at the Sullivan Rd office.**