



Port Tobacco River Conservancy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2008

Attendance: Carl Lancaster, Debra Murphy, Mark Stancliff, Terry Stancliff, Joe Tieger, Maury Tobin, Kurt Wolfgang

I. Opening: 6:20 pm

- a. Approval of Minutes from 6/4/08.
 - i. Change attendance to reflect Debra Murphey was there.
 - ii. Item II section a: Georges should be Gorges.
 - iii. Maury made motion to approve the minutes, Joe seconded the motion and all approved.
- b. Add Dinner to the Agenda under item V.

II. Old Business

- a. Update on Letter for Hire: Joe sent a suggestion/draft letter to Kurt and has yet to receive Kurt's input. Joe will resend to Kurt and Mark,
- b. Review Events: Everyone agrees the exposure we are getting at these venues is Great!
 - i. River Artsfest: We should re-think the position of our table. Inside was nice, but there wasn't much traffic. Joe didn't realize there were exhibits in the building.
 - ii. Chaney Open House: Good venue, we got a lot of names for our mailing list.
 - iii. Lower Trib Team Wade-In: Good venue, we got a lot of names for our mailing list.
- c. Upcoming events:
 - i. Charles County Fair: Joe is concerned there won't be enough people stopping by. Mark says he thinks we should have some presence. Debra is concerned about staffing. Mark will make phone calls to core volunteers to see if he can get interest in working the booth. If he can get interest then we will apply for a booth.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Fund Raising: Terry reports. See Also Handout.
 - i. Fund Raising / Membership Letter Update: Debra reports that Beacon may not mail until 7/17, they are backed up.
 - ii. Night on the River: Carl Reports that there is \$1,283.31 in general funds. Estimated total food cost is \$1,175. Joe made a motion to spend \$1,175 from general funds to support the event, Maury seconded the motion and all voted in favor, Kurt's vote was proxy.
 - iii. Ticket Sales: Mark asked the BOD Members to try to sell tickets and pass this commitment to everyone.
 - iv. Silent Auction: Terry to send Joe a copy of the Silent Auction Form.
 - v. Sponsorship: Debra has a letter drafted to court business for sponsorships, she will send that letter to the BOD.
 - vi. Volunteers: Joe will apply for permits for gambling.
 - vii. Mark will send an e-mail to BOD to provide a list of 5 or more people to send personal invites to. Joe will send us a list of environmental groups. Flyers should be posted at the Marina's, Casey Jones, La Tolteca, Eldorado.
- b. Advocacy: Joe reports. See Also Handout. The handout is a list of contacts for environmental groups and watershed groups in Southern Maryland.

- i. A farmer was hired by the State to farm Chapel Point State Park and has a 3 year contract. Joe and Brandon were working on getting native grasses planted, but this will now have to wait for 3 years until the contract is up.
- ii. Joe is also looking into finding how to build a picnic structure, this would have to go through State approval and is researching the structure specifications.
- iii. October Round Table Meeting: They are looking at a Saturday around mid October for the date of the meeting. There were more groups than the committee anticipated. Ideas for the meeting include speeches and/or break out sessions. The goal is to bring these groups together to work toward similar goals and to provide a better way of information sharing and networking.
- iv. Shared Septic: Don Zimmer, Joe and staff from some Departments of the county have been meeting every other Monday as a study group on the shared septic issue. They have a sense the county wants to do something, but it will be expensive. New subdivisions are not part of this issue yet, looking at fixing failed septic, villages, low income housing, senior housing and multi generational families living on the same ground. Would not work for Nanjemoy there is too much distance between the houses. Nitrogen removal units would be included on every system. The county is approaching the shared septic issue very gingerly, they are weary of financial constraints. Also, the county is researching successes and failures of other jurisdictions. The County Legal Department has not met with the study group yet. Joe will try to ask the County what or how they want to address the subject of failing septic.
- c. Finance / Budget: Carlyle reports. Debra and Carlyle to get together to look into the finances. Last month says \$3,000+ and this month says \$1,200, not sure what the discrepancy is. Carlyle gave Mark the Finance Report.
 - i. M.A.N.O. dues are due (\$125)
 - ii. River Network dues are due (\$100)

IV. New Business:

- a. September Dinner: Carlyle
- b. October Dinner: Debra
- c. TWI Grant Update: \$11,000 upgrade to the Buffer Plant Portion. Landowner Incentive Program \$33,000 upgrade matching funds for Buffer Planting. The total project = \$44,000.

V. Adjournment: 8:20 pm