Minutes

Attendees: Marie Pengilly, Allen Isaacson, Greg Limandri, Jim Ekins, Denna Grangaard, Laura Laumatia, Kristin Larson; Molly McCahon and Aimee Navickis-Brasch via phone

Call to order 9:12
Adopt minutes-10/13/15 Marie updated to add Aimee to those present and change BMP field guides to say SEEP donated 15 and Bonner County bought 15. Allen moved, Jim seconded, motion passed

Treasurer’s report – Allen reported that we have a total of $35,453.85. Made a profit of $1,576.67 from the Kootenai fall class with only 11 participants.

Old Business

- CESCL certification via SEEP (Placeholder) No update, Allen will send our manual to see if it can be approved. Hoping to get approval by February so that we can include it in advertising for spring classes.

- Stormwater outreach/education
  - 5-star updates – Jim- Need additional funding for topographical survey, but otherwise moving along. Would like to get survey done as soon as possible because Sandra Raskell with the CDA Tribe is willing to do some planning this winter. Allen indicated that Aquifer Protection District could probably contribute some money. Should maybe check if there are cheaper options than Welch Comer (Tom Freeman, DEQ has some equipment, Ruen Yeager, etc.). SEEP Committee encouraged the team to verify the degree of ‘survey’ required by jurisdictional permitting agency. Jim has been shooting stormwater videos. Jim will provide a few of these short videos to post on Facebook.
  - Camp 4 Echoes project update- Laura reported that the planting was a big success, took 3 days to prep site and plant an area of about 125’ x 15’. Had volunteers from LMP, UI, Girl Scouts, and Lake City High School. There is a deer fence, but quite a few of the plants have been nibbled on. Molly sprayed deer spray to try to prevent more feeding, but plants should survive. This will be a great demo for future projects in the county.
  - Realtor’s Class update- Great turnout, had 10 people on the waitlist so they will hold another class in the spring. Really great reviews, everyone said it was valuable. Jim reported that clicker data from class is gone. Jim will be getting the realtor guide peer reviewed to publish as Extension document. Might be good to offer the class to title companies. There was some discussion as to whether SEEP could offer this class, but the real estate association took care of everything and it’s probably best to stick with them.
  - Plummer Career Fair- Greg set up a SEEP table at the Plummer Career Expo. One high school student was very interested in attending a SEEP class and will write a letter to SEEP asking for potential scholarship.

- Kootenai County comment letter- No letter yet. There will be a workshop Wednesday, November 18 on County site disturbance ordinances. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

- City of Moscow request to use SEEP materials- Remove from agenda, no update.
• SEEP insurance (placeholder – no update)

New Business
• NIC Planting- Marie reported on a collaborative planting project on the NIC levee with UI, LMP, NIC, and City of CDA. Jim can contribute some plants from the 5 Star Grant, LMP and UI will also contribute money for plants. It will require a written agreement for maintenance and watering to ensure plantings are successful. Hoping to hold the planting in spring, possibly in April to tie into Earth week and get student volunteers. Allen indicated that SCC students may be interested in volunteering as community service hours.

• Stormwater Meeting next March- Aimee reported that next March, Eastern Washington Stormwater group will have meeting at Gonzaga on the TAPE process, including a student project demonstration. Aimee was wondering if SEEP would like to be a part of the meeting. We can schedule SEEP classes around the meeting so it doesn’t interfere. Possibly March 16 & 23, SEEP would prefer 16th because of Spokane River Forum.

• Our Gem Symposium- March 22 at CDA Resort. Spokane River Forum will be March 23 and 24. SEEP might be interested in sponsoring, Laura will check with Andy to see how much sponsorship costs.

• Manual Printing- Marie checked with 6 printers on price of printing new SEEP manuals. It is much cheaper to spiral bind than to use binders and not including the CGP and SWPP Guide will save money as well. Cost estimates were about $15 per manual as opposed to $30 per manual last time they were printed. Print later this winter.

Other business –
• Facebook material- Jim’s stormwater videos, pictures from Camp 4 Echoes planting. We need to try to increase SEEP Facebook page “likes” among local agencies, educators, jurisdictions, etc. to widen our audience.

• Upcoming SEEP CEU opportunities- Allen moved that we give one CEU point to any SEEP participant who “likes” our Facebook page. Marie seconded, motion passed.

• Set next meeting date and time December 11, 9:00-11:00 at UI Harbor Center

• Adjourn meeting- Meeting adjourned at 10:50

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