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Minutes of Board Meeting
Geneva Twp. Hall
Wed. January 10, 2018

1. Call to order 6:10. In attendance: Haight, Pierman, Nesbitt, Foerster, VandenBosch, Boone, Ewbank
2. No Minutes to approve
3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
 - Feb 14 – TRC Regular Meeting
 - Mar 20- VBCD Volunteer Appreciation Night
 - May 6 – VBCD VSMP Macro-invertebrate Collection
 - May 7 – Macro-invertebrate ID VBCD
4. Treasurer's Report: Oral report by Nesbitt. Motion by Ewbank, support VandenBosch to accept as presented.
 - Approve 4-2
5. Old Business
 - [A] 9th Annual Meeting Recap: Board thought it was well attended despite the inclement weather. Approximately \$661 donated through silent auction and donations.
 - [B] Pierman reported on activities of SW MI Sierra Club, MSEF and BCCD. BCCD will be looking for a new since their lease will not be renewed in September 2018.
 - [C] Ewbank gave an accounting of TRC t-shirts. Invoice for payment given to Nesbitt. Board agreed to look into possibly selling t-shirts biannually.
 - [D] Thank you letters. Board discussed making sure thank you letters were sent to silent auction item donors and any remaining 2017 donors. Nesbitt, Haight and VandenBosch to complete.
6. New Business
 - [A] Election of Board members. Haight led discussion of on TRC articles of incorporation and possible conflict of by laws as it pertains to TRC being incorporated as a directorship but bylaws reflect a membership organization and the possible need to rectify the two. Motion by VandenBosch, support by Foerster to change by laws to reflect TRC as a directorship withdrawn. Haight to provide additional information at a later date.
 - [B] Election of new officers:
 - Motion by VandenBosch, support by Ewbank for the following:
 - President: Kevin Haight
 - Vice President: Bette Pierman
 - Secretary: Joe Parman
 - Treasurer: Kenneth Nesbitt
 - All in favor
 - [C] On going projects: Haight reported on grant projects that TRC has time commitment or financial commitment. TRC may be asked to contribute \$1,100 to the PPR Riparian/Ox Creek project for a signage project. No action taken at this time.
 - [D] New grant projects; TRC has been asked to provide a letter of support for the Hall Park (PPR/Ox Creek) invasive species removal. Motion by VandenBosch, support Foerster, for Haight to write a letter of support for Hall Park.
 - All in favor
 - [E] Non-grant projects: Ecoli Monitoring, discussion of funding for TRC to continue ecoli monitoring in the Black River and Paw Paw River Watersheds. Rack Cards, TRC would like to update current rack card. Haight, Ewbank and Pierman to pursue.



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[F] Events: Discussion of upcoming events TRC would like to accomplish in 2018. River Clean-up- TRC to coordinate river clean up this year on the Black and Paw Paw Rivers since VBCD may not be coordinating. Community paddles on the Paw Paw River to the PPWT.

[G] Speakers: Discussion of possible speakers for 2018 and having AJ Brucks of the VBCD present 4 years of macro-invertebrate collection data.

[H] Bylaw change: Discussion of changing the annual meeting date set out in the TRC bylaws from December meeting to another date to avoid poor weather conditions and promote a more robust turnout.

[I] Haight reminded board members who are social media to promote TRC postings to help disseminate organization information and events.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted by: Sam Ewbank