



*An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

Board Meeting – Geneva Township Hall
62127 CR 380, Bangor, MI

Agenda

Wed. Jan. 13, 2016

6:00 pm

1. Call to order; Introductions; Agenda additions and/or corrections
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting Nov.11 – corrections/approval
3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:
 - Jan 14 – Chasing Ice film at SH LMC
 - Jan 21 – talk at SH Steelheaders
 - Jan 27 – Ox Creek workshop
 - Feb 10 - next Board meeting
 - May 1 - Spring VSMP collection event
 - Oct 2 - Fall VSMP collection event
4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt
 - [A] Paypal status; recent donations (thank you letters needed -HKH)
5. Old Business
 - [A] Recap of Annual Meeting
 - [B] Funded Grants:
 - 1] VSMP with VBCD
 - a] Tamara Lipsey from MDEQ will attend Feb meeting to talk/get input about 2016 monitoring on PPR
 - b] Volunteer recognition/recruitment event w/ VBCD still in works
 - c] Spring collection event tentatively Sunday May 1
 - 2] Stream crossing inventory with VBRC- still need to meet w/ Marcy and Larry Hummel of VBRC to pick practice/training sites; Will likely do training for volunteers in April or May with Patrick Ertel of MDEQ.
 - 3] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC
 - a] January 27 BCCD putting on workshop re: BMP's at MTEC in BH, 8:30-12:00 [free but registration required] NEED TO PUBLICIZE
 - [C] Fracking Ban Petition- status?
6. New Business
 - [A] Election of officers
 - [B] River Network
 - 1] had phone conf w/ Paco Ollivardes who does "capacity building" for non-profits in Great Lakes region for RN
 - 2] 2016 River Rally in Mobile AL; 2017 likely to be in G.R.
 - 3] He can do 4 hour board training workshop [recruitment, visioning, strategic planning] for approx. \$300 or 2 day retreat [much more]. We will try to get together in next couple months to talk further.
 - 4] Need to renew our membership before May 2016
 - [C] Need speaker ideas for 2016
 - 1] Fisheries guy from DNR?; Speaker for Ox Creek project?
 - [D] Discussion of additional goals, projects, etc. for 2016: TOST, watershed signs, E.coli monitoring, school/storm-drain sign painting, etc.

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