

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes**

## **June 18, 2019**

**Location:** River Expeditions – 900 Broadway Avenue, Oak Hill, WV 25901

**Chaired:** DNR LE David Trader, Lt. Colonel, for Director Stephen S. McDaniel

### **In Attendance:**

Commissioners: Stephen McDaniel (WVDNR); Rick Johnson (River Expeditions); Don Beyer (private river user); Roger Wilson (AOTG); Ed Wooton (by phone private river user); (Duane Michael (proxy for Lizzie Watts NPS); Chris Ellis (by phone private river user); John Gonano (by phone RTO)

Others: Heather Kessel (WVDNR); David Trader (WVDNR); Christopher Carnefix (ACE); Cpl. C.J. Whittington (WVDNR); Lt. Dennis Feazell (WVDNR); Marshall Richards (WVDNR); Isaac Colvard (Summit BSA); Jo Runyon (? Unknown); Tyler Bussard (River Expeditions)

### **Call to Order**

The Whitewater Commission meeting of June 18, 2019 was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Lt. Colonel David Trader. Introductions were made. Attendance sheet provided for attendees to sign; attendance by telephone noted during introductions.

### **Approval of March 19, 2019 Minutes**

Rick Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Roger Wilson. The motion carried.

### **Budget**

Lt. Colonel Trader noted that the budget reports could be found in the meeting packets. No discussion on the budget. Roger Wilson made a motion to accept the budget. Motion seconded by Rick Johnson. The motion carried.

### **Update - Commission Member Terms**

Lt. Colonel Trader and Heather Kessel noted that in the packets is a copy of the letter sent to the Governor regarding recommendations for new terms and members. Heather advised she would keep everyone updated as to the final approvals.

### **Update - Thurmond Gauge Funding**

Heather Kessel advised that the invoice, for a one-time payment to help fund the Thurmond Gauge, was processed and paid in full to the USGS. Rick Johnson advised he would provide more information about permanent funding for the gauge at the next meeting.

### **Update – Proposed Changes – 58CSR12**

Lt. Colonel Trader advised that the proposed changes have had all positive comments. He asked that everyone review and let the WVDNR know of more suggestions or edits. Lt. Colonel Trader asked that a

motion be made to accept the proposed changes. Rick Johnson made a motion to accept the proposed changes. Motion seconded by Don Beyer. The motion carried.

### **Jared Callahan – Letter of Intent – Whitewater License**

Heather Kessel explains that Mr. Jared Callahan has submitted an application and letter of intent for a whitewater license on the Cheat River. Heather noted that Mr. Callahan has provided some initial documentation and a \$250.00 license processing fee. However, he has not chosen a business name, has no liability insurance, WV business license or bond for the outfit to date. He plans to acquire these items before the first of 2020. He requested that his intent be on this meetings agenda and the next.

After further discussion it was decided to table the agenda item until the next meeting and await further documentation.

### **John Gonano – Training Certifications**

John Gonano discusses that he has concerns about guides tend to move from one outfit to another. He has concerns about guides training and certification records being misplaced or lost in the process of these types of changes. He thinks the possibility of having an electronic version of the guides records on the WVDNR site and providing the files publicly to verify a guides' certifications.

Lt. Colonel Trader mentions that the WVDNR would most likely not have enough personnel to keep track of such a large amount of records. Lt. Colonel mentions that guides ultimately should be responsible to keep their records. Cpl. Whittington suggests that a possible solution may be a guide roster or guide card, but that would increase costs and burdensome to personnel to track.

### **Next Meeting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting to be held at River Expeditions located at 900 Broadway Avenue, Oak Hill, WV 25901 on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Chris Ellis motioned to adjourn the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Ed Wooten seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.