

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes**

## **September 9, 2014**

Location: HQ WV DNR, 324 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303

Chaired: DNR LE Jerry B. Jenkins, Colonel, in absence of Director Frank Jezioro

### **In Attendance:**

**Commissioners:** Chris Ellis (by conference call Private Boater); Will Miller (WV Tourism, in absence of Commissioner Amy Goodwin); Brian Campbell (Adventures on the Gorge); Tim Barton (by conference call Alpine Ministries); Jerry Cook (by conference call Ace Adventures).

**Guests:** Bobby Bower (WVPRO); Jerry B. Jenkins, Colonel, (WV DNR, in absence of Director Frank Jezioro); (Bret Preston WV DNR Wildlife); Heather Kessel (WV DNR LE); James McClung (WV DNR LE).

### **Call to Order**

The Whitewater Commission meeting of September 9, 2014 was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Colonel Jerry B. Jenkins. Attendance sheet passed among the attendees.

### **Approval of June 10, 2014 Minutes**

Brian Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2014 meeting. Chris Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Budget**

Colonel Jenkins advised the Commission that Matt Knott would not be available via teleconference for the meeting. Brian Campbell asked why there are line items marked for building improvements and computer equipment on the budget reports. Colonel Jenkins indicated that those line items were originally placed on the report for future optional use. Colonel Jenkins suggested that a representative from the budget office be available for the next Commission meeting to discuss the layout of the new wvOASIS reports.

### **Discuss Calleva's Whitewater Application**

Colonel Jenkins opened the discussion of Calleva's whitewater application, he mentioned Calleva's voluntary withdraw of the Tygart river license. Calleva is now seeking licenses on the Shenandoah and Cheat Rivers only. Brian Campbell suggested that Calleva meet with a district Natural Resource Police Officer to review rules and regulations for whitewater rafting, Jerry Cook agreed. Brian Campbell motioned for a vote on Calleva's whitewater application. Chris Ellis seconded. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Brian Campbell would like to see a change in the Gauley release dates to coincide with the fall rafting season. Brian Campbell discussed the need to ensure that Bobby Bower of WVPRO get meeting notifications and minutes. Discussion on payments into the Thurmond Gauge Fund was opened to the Commission. Heather Kessel came into the meeting to discuss the processes that are required to pay towards the annual gauge fund. She stated that the funds must be designated to administration, regulation, promotion and/or study of the whitewater industry. Heather indicated that the amount contributed to the fund be broken down specifically. Brian Campbell made a motion for the Whitewater Commission to continue allocating \$1,000.00 annually to the Thurmond Gauge fund. Tim Barton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Next Meeting**

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting locale is at WV DNR HQ South Charleston, WV on December 16, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Brian Campbell motioned to adjourn the September 9, 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Jerry Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.