

1st Quarterly Whitewater Commission Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

Location: HQ WV DNR, 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303

Chaired: DNR LE Jerry B. Jenkins, Colonel, for Director Robert Fala

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Tim Barton (Alpine); Matt Knott (River Riders – by phone); Amy Goodwin (GoToWV/WV Tourism); Brian Campbell (Adventures on the Gorge); Robert Fala, DNR Director; Don Beyer (Private Boater); Chris Ellis (Private Boater)

Others: Jerry B. Jenkins (DNR); Heather Kessel (DNR); Gale Given (O.T.); Isaac Colvard (Summit, BSA); Bobby Bower (WVPRO); Emily Fleming (WV DNR); Ed McMinn (O.T.); Tim Phillips (O.T.);

Call to Order

The Whitewater Commission meeting of March 10th, 2015 was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Colonel Jerry B. Jenkins. Introductions were made. Attendance sheet provided for attendees to sign.

Approval of December 16th, 2014 Minutes

Brian Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16th, 2014 meeting. Amy Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Budget

Matt Knott (by phone) advises there are only minor changes of encumbered expenses. Very slight increase in revenue since last year and small increases in pay out to DNR. Matt advises that the new DNR reports do not provide much detail. He stated the total income is approximately \$47,000 with \$40,000 being spent. It appears we are approximately \$7,500 ahead for the year but, most of that will be spent in the last quarter.

Take-in & Take-out Location Discussion

There was discussion about take-in and take-out locations and how the new “craft” will create new sections. Brian Campbell advised to form a committee to update current sections and designate new sections. It was decided to have a new comprehensive list by June. In future must make sure the Whitewater system will allow the outfitters to choose the same location for both take-in and take-out.

Whitewater Website

Ed McMinn and Tim Phillips with WV Office of Technology (O.T.) discussed the current Whitewater website and recent updates made by Microsoft. He explained that O.T. had Microsoft hours to use and decided to use those hours towards building a “new” Whitewater system. O.T. explained they pushed forward with the updates by direction of Gale Given, O.T. Chief Technology Director. The hours used covered most of the updates but it would be necessary for additional hours to complete the process. O.T. presented a projected cost to complete the updated system at \$15,300.00 with a finish date of mid to late April 2015. There was more discussion in regards to future enhancements to help stream-line the administrative side of the system. O.T.

advised that enhancements would not be included in this cost. Ed McMinn mentioned that enhancements can be accomplished but at further costs.

Brian Campbell made a motion to approve the projected cost of \$15,300.00 to finish the necessary updates to produce a new Whitewater system. Chris Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Campbell suggested a committee to help prioritize a list and types of reports that the system can generate in order to present whitewater data. Those interested in discussing current reports and other types of reports were encouraged to attend a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at WV DNR HQ's Law Enforcement Section, 1st Floor, South Charleston, WV.

New Business

Brian Campbell mentions that last year there was a presentation on the Gauley River at the Summersville Dam and it was a great success. He felt that it was good publicity for the whitewater industry and would like to see it made an annual event. He suggested that possible the first Friday of Gauley season would be a good date. He encouraged others to find support for the project. Amy Goodwin asked for a list of persons to contact in regards to the event.

Other Business

Colonel Jenkins advised that the new updated whitewater rule is almost through the Legislative process. He advised he would keep everyone up to date on the status and progress.

Next Meeting

The 2nd quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting to be hosted by Adventures on the Gorge, Lansing, WV on Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Tim Barton motioned to adjourn the March 10th, 2015, 1st quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Brian Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.