

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

## **June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Location:** Adventures on the Gorge, 219 Chestnutburg Road, Lansing, WV 25862

**Chaired:** DNR LE Jerry B. Jenkins, Colonel, for Director Stephen S. McDaniel

### **In Attendance:**

Commissioners: Stephen McDaniel (WVDNR Director); Ed Wooton (by phone private river user); Chris Ellis (private river user); Roger Wilson (AOTG); Don Beyer (private river user); Rick Johnson (River Expeditions)

Others: Jerry Jenkins (WVDNR); Heather Kessel (WVDNR); Brian Campbell (AOTG); Christopher Carnefix (ACE); Bobby Bower (WVPRO); Meghan Roberts (Mountain Surf Paddle Sports); C.J. Whittington (WVDNR); Sammy Pugh (New River Trophy Outfitters)

### **Call to Order**

The Whitewater Commission meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Colonel Jerry B. Jenkins. Introductions were made. Attendance sheet provided for attendees to sign; attendance by telephone noted during introductions.

### **Approval of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes**

Roger Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Motion seconded by Rick Johnson. The motion carried.

### **Budget**

Colonel Jenkins mentioned the budget reports were located in the meeting packets.

No discussion on the budget.

### **Whitewater Reporting – Injury Reports – Injury Report Summary**

Heather Kessel explained that she had worked on getting all injury reports from 2011 to the present entered correctly in the whitewater database. She mentioned that outfitters had been cooperative and helpful getting missing injury reports into the system.

She presented a *Memorandum of Agreement* (MOA) from the WV Office of Technology (WVOT) to perform basic weekly tasks, to the reporting system, without drawing up a contract each time something minor needed performed. The MOA allows WVOT preauthorization to perform tasks at no more than \$3,600 per month and only charges for services rendered.

Roger Wilson made a motion to agree to the terms of the MOA with the understanding that a billing summary is provided monthly by WVOT. Motion seconded by Rick Johnson. The motion carried.

## **Tygart River Zone Evaluations**

Colonel Jenkins asked the members if anyone have been on the Tygart and evaluated the zones mentioned in the last meeting in regards to “flat water”. Brian Campbell mentioned that he had spoken with someone that knows the area and the section has low water levels most of the time.

It was decided to run the section at different water levels and determine the guest ratio. Colonel Jenkins agreed to assign Natural Resources Police Officers to help evaluate the section and Commission members offered to assist. Bobby Bowers and Heather Kessel will schedule dates and notify the Commission.

## **Next Meeting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting to be held at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, 2981 Summersville Lake Road, Summersville, WV on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

Rick Johnson motioned to adjourn the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Whitewater Commission meeting. Roger Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.