

Little Juniata River association meeting March 14th

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Bill Anderson, President. Directors present were: Bill Anderson, Scott Kavanagh, Joe Reese, William King, Sr, Carl Reed and Logan Stenger.

First order of business was planning for the clean up on April 13th. Group leaders present who will lead a group include

Joe Reese- islands

Steve Mitchel

George Baker,

John Lloyd Shoenenberger bridge

Carl Reed Bellwood/tipton

Bill King (truck)

Jim Yeager (truck)

Scott Kavanagh. (truck)

Others expected to participate:

Bill Bresler

Bob Syrock

Gary Miller

Angie Spagnola- Tipton wetlands

Dennis Johnson (with Juniata students?)

New Pig group – river road

The ladies at the church will provide lunch, two roll off dumpsters will be ordered (Irish flats and near service master in Bellwood). Carl will have two boy scout troops from Bellwood and Hollidaysburg. Bill will contact Greer School. LJRA will provide bag, gloves, water and snacks.

Rutters is now operational. There are some reports of muddy water running off. The LJRA will continue to monitor.

The Quarry lease (insurance policy) needs to pay soon. We are still looking for more donations to off the costs.

There was a report of new AMD draining from Loop run, a tributary of Tipton Run. Bill will ask Dennis if Juniata students can monitor and Bill will ask PFBC to do a survey of Loop run.

There are no new developments regarding the removal of brown trout from Bells Gap run above the reservoir. However, there is a habitat restoration and erosion abatement project planned downstream of the reservoir near the community park. PFBC made a plan for stabilizing the bank. Angie will apply for a grant from PA Watershed for the project. The LJRA will apply for the permit. There was some concern if they can obtain the permit and complete the work by the end of the summer, as planned.

Norfolk Southern is building a new treatment plant near the 8th st bridge in Altoona. The impact on the river is not clear. LJRA will investigate.

Scott Kavanagh motioned to adjourn the meeting and Joe Reese seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:04PM

Joe Reese,
Acting secretary