

Minutes
Educational Advisory Committee (EAC)
15 July 2019 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

In Attendance:

Lauren McCann, Business
Bob Sutton, Property Owner
Bruce Taliaferro, Education
Gary Aronhalt, Watershed Coordinator

Absent:

Sarah Duck, Marketing
Ken Fisher, Forestry
Willie Lantz, Agriculture
Richard Matlick, Property Owner
Greg Rouse, Recreation
Gary Shafer, Property Owner

Welcome /Opening Remarks:

Gary Aronhalt announced that **Ken Fisher**, **Greg Rouse**, **Gary Shafer** and **Willie Lantz** had reported that they would not be present for the meeting.

Administrative Council Update

Gary Aronhalt announced that the University of Maryland had accepted the proposal for interns to study wake boating. **Gary** also stated that the slides and newspaper ads were running. **Gary** stated that DNR would be sending out an announcement regarding delayed treatment of hydrilla due the success of the treatment program.

Stormwater Demonstration Project:

Gary Aronhalt stated that there was interest in a stormwater demonstration project where homeowners could see practices that could be implemented on their own properties. **Bruce Taliaferro** stated that any project should be coordinated with Ashley Bodkins and the Master Gardeners. **Bob Sutton** stated that Deep Creek State Park may have plans for a project and would be a great location. **Lauren McCann** suggested that the Discovery Center would be an ideal location. **Bruce Taliaferro** asked about a station with brochures. **Gary Aronhalt** said that he would check on the availability of brochures at the Discover Center. **Bob Sutton** also mentioned that Sky Valley had recently completed some stormwater work and would be willing to demonstrate the projects to the public. The Chamber of Commerce was also suggested as a potential location for a demonstration project. **Bob Sutton** suggested speaking with Bill Franklin at the Thousand Acres golf course about the stormwater control measures implemented at the

golf course. **Gary Aronhalt** asked about rain barrels and how they might be received. **Bruce Taliaferro** stated that there are limitations regarding that time period that they can be used and leaving water in them for too long. **Gary** asked about rain barrel workshops. It was suggested to charge \$20 for the course. **Bob Sutton** suggested that the price should be less. **Bruce Taliaferro** suggested only charging people who want to take a rain barrel. **Lauren McCann** suggested an introductory course and a course for people who want to build a rain barrel. **Bruce Taliaferro** suggested coordinating with Ashley Bodkins regarding advertising.

Gatherings/ Meetings:

Gary Aronhalt stated that a gathering of the marina owner and rental agencies had been mentioned at previous EAC meetings. **Gary** asked the committee for details regarding planning for the gatherings. **Lauren McCann** suggested that the meeting be held in March and recap how the past summer went and AIS. She stated that it should be broad and to invite the BAAC. **Bob Sutton** suggested that the rental agencies might be able to better educate renters about cleaning their boats before visiting/ launching. It was suggested to have both groups meet together and to invite Julie Bortz to speak. It was also suggested to invite someone from the Clean Marinas program at DNR and Julie Brown with DNR. It was also suggested that the fishing community and wake boat industry be invited to participate. It was also suggested that Natural Resources Police should also be invited to speak.

The Committee suggested hosting a workshop that educates stakeholders about the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan. It was suggested to host the program at several times throughout the year to ensure that everyone interested could attend. The program would allow stakeholders to learn about the watershed. **Lauren McCann** suggested hosting an event prior to the Art & Wine Festival at 9:00 am on the weekend after Labor Day. **Gary Aronhalt** stated that he would ask the Administrative Council representatives to host the event. Topics would include the need for the plan, history of the planning process and progress, and current activity. It was suggested that the event be one hour in length.

Meeting Conclusion:

Gary Aronhalt asked the committee for any questions. **Bruce Taliferro** suggested asking Dana McCully a local principal to speak at the DCWMP meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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