

Minutes for Regular Meeting of Beargrass Creek Alliance held on April 19, 2021, via Zoom

Attending: Ward Wilson, executive director, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Linda Gugin, BCA president, Jim St. Clair, BCA secretary, David Rummeler, Rick Harned, Sarah Wolff, Martha Carlson Mazur, David Wicks, Deany Collard, and Perry Thomas.

Linda Gugin, president, presiding.

Topics of discussion

Earth Day, April 22:

Volunteers are needed at a variety of clean-up locations for this annual event, including the Butchertown Greenway, sponsored by a NULU business and organized by BCA, and at various locations in Cherokee Park, including areas bordering Willow pond as well as Big Rock and Hogan's fountain, sponsored by Olmsted Parks Conservancy. The Cherokee Park clean-up also coincides with the Mayor's Month of Giving.

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church:

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 15 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help with revitalizing the 300-square-foot pollinator garden that members of BCA as well as some church members planted two years ago for the Bardstown Presbyterian Church. The work will involve weeding, planting native plants, and spreading mulch. Two years ago, about ten BCA members volunteered to create the garden. Deany Collard said she has a lot of native plants she could donate if needed. Also, a volunteer is needed to help identify what are plants and what are weeds. Several suggestions were offered for people who might help with this task. Anyone interested in helping should contact Linda at lgugin@ius.edu. Ward said the event could be an outreach opportunity, noting that a farmers' market will be using the church's parking lot. He suggested BCA could have a table nearby and hand out literature about the organization.

Photography contest:

The Louisville Free Public Library, together with the Kentucky Division of Water, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, University of Louisville College of Education, Louisville Water Company, Waterfront Park, and River City Paddle Sports, is sponsoring a photo contest for K-12 students in the Louisville area on the theme of water.

Students are asked to capture images of what water means to them. What is most beautiful about water in our community? What water-related problems that needed to be addressed? How do we use, recreate, and interact with water? Cash prizes for 1st (\$200), 2nd (\$100), 3rd (\$50), and honorable mention (\$25) will be awarded for the best photographs in four age categories. The winning entries will also be featured in an exhibit this fall as part of the Louisville Photo Biennial. Ward has suggested that BCA also present an award for the best photo of Beargrass Creek.

Kentucky Waterways Alliance

The 13th annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, sponsored by KWA, will be a virtual and socially distanced event on Thursday, June 17 at the Sauerbeck Family Drive-In in LaGrange. Tickets are not yet available.

Also, KWA offices have moved from Butchertown to 330 North Hubbards Lane. Ward announced that Abigail Stewart, a KWA intern, is leaving.