Minutes for Regular Meeting of Beargrass Creek Alliance on August 16, 2021, in-person at KWA office and via Zoom.

Attending: Ward Wilson, executive director, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Linda Gugin, BCA president, Jim St. Clair, BCA secretary, David Rummler, Dan Siebert, Martha Carlson Mazur, Charlotte Caldwell, director of donor and community relations, KWA, and Harper Zeitz, clean waterways coordinator, KWA. Linda Gugin, president, presiding.

**Topics of discussion**

**KWA:**

Charlotte is leaving KWA for a position at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest and Harper Zeita, a native of Louisville, has joined KWA as clean waterways coordinator. She studied biology, sociology, and environmental studies at Transylvania University in Lexington. Linda, in paying tribute to Charlotte, noted how helpful she had been to BCA in organizing and recruiting for various clean-ups as well as her willingness to help BCA in a variety of other ways.

Ward stressed that KWA needs additional funding to accomplish such projects as cleaning up Beargrass Creek to make swimming and fishing possible again. He mentioned that one possible source could be tapping into the Covid relief fund that the city of Louisville has. MSD and landowners along the creek also need to be involved in clean-up efforts.

**President’s report:**

The August meeting was for the first time was both in-person and via Zoom and worked pretty well, though some problems with Zoomers not being able to hear some of the conversation. The turnout was sparse though attendance is expected to increase after people settle into the back-to-school year and are no longer traveling. The September meeting has been cancelled; the next meeting will be Monday, October 18.

Upcoming events in September for BCA include a trip on Beargrass Creek in a Voyager Canoe for our organization on September 2 sponsored by David Wicks. It is a great educational experience. It will start at the Community Boat House, 1325 River Road, at 6:00 p.m. and will last about three hours. The canoe can accommodate only 12 passengers, so those who are interested should contact lgugin@ius.edu to sign up. Here is a link below that explains what the trip includes. If you want to join David, you should place your reservation asap.

<https://rivercitypaddlesports.wordpress.com/education-on-the-water-2/>

David Rummler is making a presentation at Bellarmine on September 9 at 7 p.m. The event will be in Room 102 of Pasteur Hall; doors will open at 6:30. The closest parking lot is Lot #3, and the best entrance to the campus for that lot is Norris Place. The title of the presentation is "Sustainable Water Infrastructure: What needs to be done in our region and what you can do."

On September 11, Waterfront Botanical Gardens is sponsoring a reGeneration Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. Beargrass Creek Alliance is sponsoring a table. We will have a learning activity for the young people. The event is designed for families and should be a lot of fun. Linda encouraged members who attend to drop by our table to say hello.

BCA is sponsoring a cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon on September 18. The exact place is still to be determined. Gloves, trash bags and Grabbers will be provided. Stay tuned for the exact location.