



**West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition
Meeting Report
Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

- Opening** This meeting of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition was called to order at 6:20 pm by Rachel Kester. The meeting was held at Bilger's Rocks and was preceded by a picnic.
- Present** The meeting was attended by: Rachel Kester, Amy Wolfe, Terry O'Connor, Spring Stiles, Andrea Keller, Art Rose, Delores Rose, Bob Dietrich, Joan Dietrich, Ken Undercoffer, Ann Donovan, George Kutskel, Mary Anne Kutskel, and Gary Kavala.

Information and Discussion Items

- Item 1: Introductions: Those present introduced themselves and stated the group(s) they represent.
- Item 2: The minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting were distributed and reviewed. No changes were noted.
- Item 3: Amy Wolfe, Trout Unlimited, gave a policy/legislative update. She explained the RECLAIM Act that is currently moving through the legislature and provided a handout explaining the basics of the legislation, some of TU's concerns with it, and where to find more information. She mentioned that the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds drafted a letter of support for this legislation that other organizations can sign onto it if so inclined. She also continues to work closely with WPCAMR and others to continue the push for federal Good Samaritan coverage that would cover coal mining in all states, in addition to hard rock mining. She will keep the group apprised of any developments or need for action that may arise.
- Item 4: Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, reminded the group of various upcoming grant opportunities. Anyone with grant information they would like to share can always send it to Rachel for inclusion on the WBSRC website. Also, the group was reminded that technical assistance grants are available year-round for AMD-related projects by contacting Rachel or Amy and completing a one page application.
- Item 5: Rachel then shared the sad news that Rebecca Holler, TU Education Coordinator for over seven years, has left her position at TU to pursue a new career opportunity. Due to shrinking funding from both private and state sources, TU will not be able to re-fill her position. TU will continue to help WBSRC member groups as much as possible with education and outreach needs, but please contact Rachel or Amy well in advance of any events, so they can assist with finding funding if necessary. The group thanked Rebecca for her many years of assistance. She will certainly be missed by many!
- Item 6: Watershed updates were provided by those present on behalf of the organization(s) that they represent.

The next meeting will be held on December 13th, 2016 in Clinton County.