# Meeting Minutes

1. **Photography Contest** – Contest to run Jan 1-31, 2022. Entries will be placed into a Facebook album with public voting by “likes” from Feb 1-10, winners announced on the 11th. Discussed current status of submissions and post promotional reach.
2. **Guest Speaker** – Thomas Horvat attended and talked about his history with BSC and cleanup efforts. He was active in the cleanup on BSC in the 60-70’s and published a spiritual ecology book centered in our area. He gave encouragement to stay the course and involve as many local individuals and small groups as possible to collectively make a large impact.
3. **Website** – Darci gave a tour of the new website layout that Adrienne completed over the last month. Team to continue to provide data for the website but it is very close to publishing.
4. **DEP update** – Mark gave an update on the violations from pipeline damage done in Economy Borough near the Candlelight lounge. Mark and Katie made a public comment to the DEP to request local wetland restoration and that fine funds be used locally for restoration projects. $140,000 in fines paid to DEP.

<https://triblive.com/local/sewickley/big-sewickley-creek-watershed-association-wants-stream-restoration-not-credits/?fbclid=IwAR2tJS1iNcM4AD3aIZAl7gTgparvvFB-ASOWpaMAET4N3FTrUm1QHWzO1GI>

1. **Upcoming event planning** – Upcoming events include: General public meeting in late spring, Photo Contest in Jan, Winter Water Walk in TBD, macroinvertebrate event in spring, litter cleanup March 19th, rain date March 20th 2022. Streambank Stabilization seminar - TBD
2. **Grant update** – We have been awarded $1,963 from the BHE GT&S Watershed Mini Grant!!! Discussed the items that the grant was awarded for and the requirements for publicly acknowledging the grantor. We will add grantor thanks to website, brochures, a public facebook post, and an article in the Sewickley Herald for the upcoming litter cleanup.
3. **Attendees** – Mark Fedosick, Thomas Horvat, Les Kotouch, Jullian Mancuso, Darci Saracco, Katie Stanley
4. **Next meeting:** Feb 10th, 7:00. In person? TBD

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| Action Items | Owner(s) | Deadline | Status |
| Continue to distribute photo contest info | Team | 1/30 |  |
| Add grant information to website | Darci/Adrienne | ASAP |  |
| Add content for website to google drive | Team | Ongoing |  |
| Email brewery owner about riparian buffer | Katie/Mark | 2/1 |  |
| Create Facebook poll/post about litter cleanup or areas of concern | Darci/Katie | Feb 2022 |  |
| Investigate requirements for 501c3 | Team | TBD |  |
| Read through conservation plan for future Facebook posts and volunteer opportunities | Darci/Team | Ongoing |  |
| Meet with ALT about Heron rookery | Darci | 2/1 |  |