



10am – 12:30pm: Meeting

Introductions

Attendance: Hannah Penn, Kelli Edwards, Jordan Girard, Terry Porter, Will England, Ben Martin, Bill Lott, Bob Schmitt, Charlee Martin, Alexa Robinson, Eric Eberly, Chris K, Mike Delisle, Mike O'Shield, John Butler, Ken Fahey, Lori Forrester, Jen McCoy, Mike Kahle, Harold Harbert, Jackie Encinas, Kate Carson, Cecilia Nachtmann, Bailey Crapps

Upcoming AAS workshops and meetings listed below.

➤ **Updates from the State Office:**

Hope to have another AAS coordinator very soon!

- **AAS Awards Nominations for 2019** are open! Nomination Deadline: **January 13, 2020**
- **Confluence** is March 27th-29th 2020, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA
 - Keynote, Friday Social, Saturday & Sunday sessions
 - Poster Session Abstract Deadline: **January 13, 2019**
 - Speaker/ session updates – draft agenda
 - Joe Cook confirmed for keynote speaker
 - New registration program
 - Please help advertise
 - Book rooms as soon as possible, as they WILL sell out; currently researching nearby hotels/AirBnBs
 - Will look into rooms for singles
 - Might be best to book room over the phone instead of using the website
- **Database/Website Updates**
 - Planning an IT mtg to discuss changes to database, feedback? Send details in email w/ screenshots please
 - Submitting the data form
 - Open to suggestions for other workshop calendar options, but keeping the format the same for now
- **Trainer Forum and other updates**
 - New trainer forum- Mobilize
 - Trainer listed on all new groups created- feedback?
 - If trainer is listed as a leader, it might help prevent sites/groups from going defunct if current leader leaves (can keep adding onto data, pass on to a new leader/add new members)
 - Add checkbox to CC agreement (“Willing to be added to groups in your region?”)
 - Upcoming TTT- chem + bact Dec 11 @ Stone Mt.
 - Another TTT will be scheduled for some time in the new year
 - GA Power Foundation, Inc Water Grants
 - **Application Deadline: Dec 20th**
 - \$25,000 min; matching funds encouraged
 - Looking for BMPs implemented, targeting delisted streams, monitoring
 - Full info posted on Mobilize
- **Rivers Alive & Project WET updates**
 - RA cleanups have been going well and we are looking forward to getting more numbers in. We've had great success this cleanup season.

- Over 200 events registered
- Over 9,800 volunteers so far
- Approximately 1,030 miles cleaned
- Nearly 332,000 lbs of trash collected
- WET will hold a Triple Facilitator Workshop (WET, WILD, and PLT) on **February 21-22, 2020 at Jekyll Island**. In early March we will present our WET awards at the annual EEA Conference. ROW art and poetry submissions are due February 1.

➤ **Community Coordinator Meetings in 2020**

- Brainstorm for continuing education topics, meeting locations, guest speakers
 - Suggestions: meetings at State Parks
 - Similar meeting framework as in 2019
 - May for next CC meeting- tentative
 - July for next combo meeting for Confluence committees-tentative
- Scheduling dates into 2020, any known conflicts?
 - State office conflicts: Feb 10-14, every wknd in March, April 6-10 (spring break), April 29-30, PGs
 - Please send any conflicts to us; look for a doodle for dates in the new year

➤ **Statewide and Community Coordinators' Year In Review**

- Sharing updates, successes or challenges from 2019 (numbers pulled 12/06)
 - 72 Active Trainers
 - 390 Workshops
 - 694 Active Monitoring Sites (156 new)
 - 1,612 Active Volunteers
 - 2,250 Certifications Earned
 - 23,743 Volunteer Hours
 - 1,600 New Certs
- Need final numbers by January at latest. Please submit all data and encourage volunteers to do the same!

12:30pm – 2pm: Potluck Lunch & Trainer Recertifications

➤ **Updates/discussion:**

- Viability of using meters for DO/pH? (Bill L.)
 - More expensive outright and must replace probes annually
 - Winkler method=EPA approved, cheap and accurate
- Oakton calibration solution 84 available (Mike D.)
- "Bacterial sampling day" great for getting rid of expiring plates (Lori F.)
 - Gets new people involved
 - 36 sites sampled and data entered into database
- Pike county looking to start monitoring, need someone in the area to get involved (Alexa R.)

Upcoming AAS Events

2020 Events:

January 13: AAS Award Nominations Due

January 13: AAS Water Science Poster Session Abstracts Due

March 6 – 8: EEA Annual Conference, Jekyll Island

March 27 – 29: Adopt-A-Stream Annual Conference, Confluence, Unicoi State Park and Lodge

April: Spring on the Satilla

April 29: Rivers Alive Awards Luncheon

Workshops:

Dec 11: chem + bact TTT

Dec 7: Cobb Co Visual Monitoring Workshop

Feb 8: Lowndes County Workshop