MC meeting – July 12, 2016

* Need to start working on proposal
  + Jess and Bob will be meeting in the Azores, will try to connect with Whendee
  + Suggestions to integrate the following into the next proposal:
    - As sites get older, questions should become more comprehensive instead of just coming up with different questions
    - How are all the parts integrated and how do they link to the conceptual model?
    - What unanswered questions are suggested by the long-term data?
    - What do the longterm rainfall records and climate data show?
    - How is the drought regime changing – how often do dry spells happens, how long does it take dry spells to affect various organisms, is the location/timing of try periods changing?
* Budget
  + Alonso’s former PhD student, Pablo Gutierrez, is going to be hired to help manage the stream drought experiment.
  + Some $$ in the budget because the stream team does not need to build a weir and a technician position has been eliminated
* Misc
  + Coweeta LTER shut down
  + President, Chancellor, and two deans at UPR fired
  + Site review suggested for week of March 27, 2017
  + Beginning to plan elevation gradient work