

MINUTES  
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
January 25, 2011

PRESENT:

Directors: Liz Dropp, Dan Steward, Steve Kimball, Dick Burlingame, and Chris Humphrey.  
Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory  
Cooperators: Wes Ramsey

Dan called the meeting to order at the Jamestown Audubon Club at 7:09pm with more than 35 people present. He introduced the Directors and proceeded into the Elections by announcing his resignation and that of Brian Schrantz. The nominees were: John Gallagher of Jamestown to fill Dan's seat, Chuck Conaway of Warren to fill Tom Osborne's open seat, John Haffner from Cattaraugus, and Liz Dropp from Warren. The vacancy from Cattaraugus is as yet unfilled. Dan asked if there were any other nominations. With there not being any, he asked the Secretary to cast one vote in favor of the appointments. Chris so voted. Liz seconded and all were in favor.

Liz presented her Treasurer's report for the year. Total income for the year was \$7,594.13. Total Expenses were \$4,826.64, leaving a net income of \$2,767.49. Chris made a motion to accept the report as presented subject to audit. Steve seconded and all were in favor.

Dan gave the Chairman's report with the help of a power point presentation. He highlighted the Conewango Clean-up, the River Trail designation, Kim's Road and Ditch Inventory work, the salamander crossing efforts and the River of the Year nomination. He ended his discussion by thanking the members for attending, welcoming new members and encouraging others to join and all to come out to volunteer.

Chris presented Dan, our retiring Chairman of 12 years, with a framed photograph of a Blue Heron in the waters of the Conewango taken by a local photographer. His years of service to this organization were appreciated by all.

Chris also presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Bryan Wilson, in absentia, for his work on the mapping for the Conewango River Trail Brochure. His work certainly made the brochure look extremely professional.

After a short break for refreshments and interaction, the first speaker, Alex Watkins of Warren, talked and demonstrated his years of research into local Native American culture and history. He touched on a number of topics including the Iroquois Federation, their interactions with the European settlers, their dress and lore.

The second speaker, Dave Wilson of the Chautauqua County Soil & Agriculture District, demonstrated the stream table belonging to Seneca Trails RC&D and the effects of erosion. He showed methods and types of intervention practices used in remediation.

The meeting concluded at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Humphrey