

MINUTES  
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING  
July 13, 2010

PRESENT:

Directors: John Hafner, Chris Humphrey, and Steve Kimball

Members: Kim Sherwood, and John Gallager

Chris opened the meeting with updates regarding the Water Trail brochure and the Raffle. As announced to the group last week via email, The Warren Community Foundation awarded our request for \$500 for brochure printing. She is awaiting a call from the printer to check the proof for the brochure and is confident they will be ready late this week or early next at the latest.

John G. expressed concerns that the race might not even take place due to very low water levels in the Conewango. The levels are such that paddling beyond Russell is currently presenting dangerous conditions from strainers. At this point, Chris suggested canceling the raffle for this year. She calculates that raffle costs and the inclusion of the \$555 needed to fund the final cost of printing would bring up the expense to approximately \$1000. With unsure predictions for the race event cutting into our chance to sell tickets, it seems better to wait until next year. An electronic vote will be taken.

Audubon Art in the Woods Festival – Chris opened discussion on cancelling our participation at the event. Only 3 members committed to displaying at the event out of a needed 7 member team. She suggested we form a subcommittee in the fall to investigate ways to activate our general membership to relieve our directors. She will call the Audubon to cancel gracefully as we want to return to this great event.

John H. gave an update on the latest news from the Brown Road problem on the Conewango Creek. Please see Kim's notes from the field meeting strategy session on June 24<sup>th</sup> attached.

*9:55 Steve Kimball arrived.*

Conewango Clean-Up – Kim said that he attended the Alleghany meeting for the clean-up in Liz's place and things are moving forward. They have created a website for the clean-up and have separate tabs for the Conewango and Brokenstraw groups. Our date is September 11<sup>th</sup> as planned. He heard that Tom has offered 8 canoes and that the Boy Scouts may be offering additional canoes as well but nothing firm so far. We will need a volunteer to man the Big 4 off-load site where there is to be a prison or probation work crew doing the work. Work still needs to be done on dividing our portion into segments. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Capacity Building Grant – Kim has sent the New York portion of the profile to Peggy. The public meetings are scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> in Chautauqua County, the 20<sup>th</sup> in Warren County, and the 21<sup>st</sup> in Cattaraugus County. Peggy will be conducting the meeting but we need to have Director presence there. The meetings are from 6 to 8 with set-up at 5 or 5:30. An email will be send to encourage Directors to attend one or more.

Smart Growth Bill to NYS Assembly – Chris and Kim shared that they received information from Ruth Lundin which came from NYS Audubon to support a bill slated to be signed by the Governor today or tomorrow promoting smart growth. After discussion it was decided that we would decline to comment due to time constraints on researching this properly.

The meeting ended at 10:35. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the South & Center Sewer Districts in Celoron.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Humphrey*