

MINUTES
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2010

PRESENT:

Directors: Dan Steward, Liz Dropp, John Hafner, Larry Bourne, Chris Humphrey, and Steve Kimball
Members: John Gallager and Annette Strasser
Guests: Laura Ayers, WC District Conservationist

Dan called the meeting to order at 9:10 am at the Sewer District with a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

MINUTES: Last month's minutes were not available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz presented her report ending September 30th. There were four deposits made and one check for supplies for the clean-up leaving a balance of \$1,667.77. Interest was earned on the savings accounts for an ending total balance of \$6,622.16. Larry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. John seconded. All were in favor.

UPDATES:

- Conewango Clean-up – Liz received from Tom two donations of \$100 and two for \$50 to go toward expenses. Tom had requested we send back any monies received from the Allegany clean-up fund, but we had not received any.

John G arrived at 9:17.

We have not as yet done a complete accounting. The newspaper article was not submitted because the format we wanted would have cost \$300. Liz sent thank you letters to the volunteers. She listed names on the website. Cummins did not as yet send their donation. Liz said she will have to figure how to distribute the monetary contributions or will put them in the bank for next year. Tom has indicated that he doesn't want any monies for his efforts. One boy scout canoe was damaged. We will pay to repair. Piper has offered the materials for repair and will teach Liz how to do it. Discussion was made on possibly making a donation to the Boy Scouts and the Lions Club for their efforts. It will be on the agenda for a decision next month.

Annette arrived at 9:25.

- Resignation – Chris reported receiving Tom Osborne's resignation from the Board and all committees. She further shared that Tom is forming a group of volunteers to maintain and clean the creek. Discussion centered on keeping an open line of communication with Tom and his work. Annette offered to be the liaison.
- Stormwater Management Plan – Liz reported that the DEP has officially adopted the plan as a formality after the county adopted it. Townships have until March to adopt an ordinance that will enforce the Stormwater Plan. Now the Townships have until March to adopt it as well.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan – As of September, the Plan has not been approved.
- Water Trail – a renewal of the original committee was formed to work on the ribbon cutting ceremony with Annette offering to chair.

Steve arrived at 9:37.

- NW Nutrient Management Plan – nothing new.
- Capacity Building Grant – Liz sent out the final report for all to examine. Liz made a motion to accept the report as amended. Chris seconded. All were in favor. Peggy wants us to turn the report into a strategic plan. John G. volunteered to be on a committee to revise the Mission Statement. He said Pat Slagle has offered to help. We extended an offer to facilitate. Annette, Liz, Dick B., Dan, and Steve offered to serve as well. Someone will invite Kim as well. Liz said she also asked us to formally agree to release the report to John Dawes and the Western Pa Conservancy. Larry made a motion to allow Peggy to publically release the CCWA Organizational Assessment, September 2010 in its finalized form. Liz seconded. All were in favor.
- Rainbarrel Fundraiser – Nothing new
- Raingarden Project – Liz is looking at some new grant opportunities.
- Hatch Run Conservation Center – There was discussion on donating to the building fund. It was mentioned that this building will become our offices when complete. Larry made a motion to donate \$250 of our funds toward the building fund. Motion was seconded by Chris. All were in favor. Liz will also look into a convening grant. Annette agreed to do publicity.
- A nominations committee was formed with Dan, Liz, and John H on it. Liz agreed to run again. Dan expressed that he will be stepping down as Chairman and also will be coming off the Board. He agreed to continue contributing to the work of the CCWA. John H would like to retire as Director due to the distance to travel but to stay involved with the Association.
- Membership renewals – Liz reported they are coming in slowly.
- Convening Grants – Liz is investigating requesting funds for office equipment in order to set up our physical presence as recommended in the CAP grant assessment. She submitted some thoughts and estimates. Steve made a motion to have Liz submit for a convening grant for office supplies. Larry seconded. All were in favor.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th at 9:00am at the Sewer District in Celoron. A motion to close the meeting was made by Larry and seconded by Liz at 10:52. All were in favor. Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Humphrey