

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

PRESENT:

Directors: Dan Steward, Tom Osborne, Liz Dropp, Chris Humphrey, and Steve Kimball  
Members: Annette Strasser, and John Gallager

Dan called the meeting to order at 9:18 am at the Sewer District.

MINUTES: Liz made a motion to approve the April minutes as corrected at the last meeting. Tom seconded. All approved. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from May with Liz seconding. All approved. The June minutes were read by Dan. One correction was needed: under Nutrient Management Project – they received the pre-application which is being given full consideration for ranking. Steve made the motion to approve the June minutes as corrected with Tom seconding. All approved. The minutes from the July meeting were read. Under Capacity Building Grant the last sentence should read 'sent' rather than 'send'. Steve made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Liz seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz submitted the reports from June through July. The ending checking balance is \$3,342.76 with several incomes and expenses. The two savings accounts earned only interest. The total funds balance is \$8,296.31. Liz also gave a program update which shows a negative balance of \$10.00. We are awaiting a check from the Council on Tourism for their share of the printing of the Water Trail brochures. Tom offered to call. Chris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Steve seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Liz submitted a letter from WCCD regarding the Fall Festival on Saturday 9/25 from 10:00 to 7:00 inviting us to attend. She suggested we display and maybe set up the stream table. It's public education day.

UPDATES:

- Warren County Stormwater Management Plan – Liz updated us that the Plan was approved by the County and the DEP. It's now at the Township level. One Township is complaining. They have 6 months for review. She reminded us that we are supposed to be providing education to the Townships and the public.
- Warren County Hazardous Mitigation Plan – No report, but Chris reminded the group that we are supposed to be providing assistance here as well. We should be approaching the Townships to see if they want to apply for monies for projects through our organization.
- NW Pa Nutrient Reduction Project – no new information.
- Conewango Water Trail – Annette has contacted Gwen about the ribbon cutting ceremony, but asked the group if they feel it is too late in the season for this project as well as the fact that some of the sites are not yet fully developed and the signs are not in. Discussion. The group decided that mid to late May would be a better date with the 21<sup>st</sup> as a target. Chris handed out the just printed brochures and made note that there is an error in the distances. Annette noticed that one launch site is missing – Stewart between 2 and 3. Chris will have map changed before adding to all the websites. Tom will take signs to Art Stewart and apologize. The distribution list was briefly discussed.
- Capacity Building Grant – we are awaiting Peggy's draft plan.
- Rain Barrel Project – nothing new.

- Rain Garden – nothing new.
- Conewango Clean Up – The date is September 11<sup>th</sup>. Liz reported she has 16 boats for Allegheny Outfitters and 20 boats from the boy scouts. She handed out a list of job openings which is being sent to members. We are slated to clean from Frewsburg to the State line and from there to Larimer Park. The Audubon will get involved with us as they did not have time to do a larger project on their own to link to us. The picnic will be at Larimer Park. Prisoners are slated to walk the banks from the Mall to Hatch Run Bridge. Tom offered to host from Larimer Park to the Mall. He offered to provide boats and people in the water. Annette agreed to do press releases.
- Chautauqua Lake Management Plan – Chris shared that the Plan was just released for public comment and the CLMC voted to support the Plan at its August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and to carry it to the County Legislature for acceptance during this month. She described the basics of the Plan, and handed in a letter of support from the CCWA that Kim and she drafted and submitted to the CLMC. She also stated that she voiced support on behalf of the Sewer Districts at the meeting.
- Kim's update – Chris read the update of work from Kim in his absence (attached.)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Shellfish inventory – Tom told the group that the Western Pa Conservancy is on the Conewango doing a shellfish inventory. They have already found 3 species that are listed as endangered on the Federal list. They started at the confluence of the Conewango and the Allegheny working northward. Tom is working on getting a copy of the report.
- Membership mailing – Liz submitted the letter that has been sent as email to the membership for renewals. She will be mailing to those who have not given email addresses.
- Membership Float – Liz retracted her suggestion of a float until next year.
- Draft Phosphorus TMDL for Chautauqua Lake – Chris told the group that a proposed TMDL has been issued by NY DEC with a two week comment period. She described the draft and the work she is doing on comments.
- Reimbursement – Liz submitted invoices for personal reimbursement for expenses totaling \$243.20. Steve made a motion to reimburse Liz for the submitted expenses. Tom seconded. All were in favor.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Sewer District in Celoron. A motion to close the meeting was made by Chris and seconded by Steve at 11:25. All were in favor. Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Humphrey*