

MINUTES
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2010

PRESENT:

Directors: Dan Steward, Liz Dropp, Dick Burlingame, and Chris Humphrey.
Kim Sherwood Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory
Members: Annette Strasser, John Gallager

Dan opened the meeting at the South & Center Sewer District, Celoron, at 9:15am without a quorum.

MINUTES: Kim noted three corrections to the minutes: 1) April minutes typo under rainbarrels – wee should read were; 2) May minutes date for Chautauqua Lake management plan should read 6/10, not 6/8; and 3) on page 2 under clean-up, should read be heading, not beheading. Minutes could not be approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz reported one deposit of ad money for the water trail and three expenses showing an ending balance of \$2910.93. The savings accounts earned interest. The total fund balance is \$7863.63. Liz also gave a program accounting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Liz submitted a thank you note from Chautauqua County Soil & Water for our donation to their Envirothon.

UPDATES:

- Warren County Stormwater Management Plan – The Commissioners adopted the final plan. The next public meeting is June 16th at 6:30. Liz will post notice to our website.
- Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Jean will check.
- Conewango Water Trail – The brochure has gone to the printer. Chris suggested we get the brochure copywriter and the logo trade-marked. Brochure distribution was briefly discussed. Liz will post the brochure to the website.
- NW Nutrient Management Project – JoAnn has received acceptance for the proposal. The team has worked up the budget, etc. and submitted the project for final approval. They are asking for one million dollars for remediation on up to 10 farms. They have submitted to both NY and Pa state CIG's as backup in case national doesn't approve.
- Rainbarrel project – Liz has kits ready.
- WCCD Open House – not many people stopped at the booth, but there was positive reaction to the CD building project.
- Raingarden – Jean said she did not get the EPA grant. She will continue to look for funding.
- Conewango Clean-up – Liz attended the Alleghany clean-up meeting. She proposes we link to them to benefit from publicity, etc. The collaborative benefit reduces perception of competition. It will also reduce duplication of donation requests. Liz has found tire disposal for all groups. The group agreed to a joint partnership as long as CCWA is listed as sponsoring and remains its own group. There is interest in expansion of the clean-up from the Audubon and from a Chautauqua group. The next meeting will be July 8th. September 11th is the clean-up.
- Raffle – There was positive desire to conduct the raffle but with more investigation of the legalities. It was decided that the raffle would need to be awarded at the clean-up rather than at the race in order to have enough time to sell tickets. Three prizes were decided upon – a

kayak with hopeful donation of a package for the equipment, (John will seek) Dick's carved duck decoy, and a "Conewango Package" consisting of a night's stay at either the Hampton Inn or the Ruff Acres Bed & Breakfast plus a free canoe trip for two which the CCWA would purchase from Tom. Liz stressed that prize values must be listed on the tickets and also the exact description of how the tickets must read to be legal.

- Other –
 - Art in The Woods Audubon Festival – If invited, we will need volunteers.
 - Kim spoke of a Cummins Community Involvement project that he is working on with Cummins. Cummins has corporate dollars for implementation of a project within the community for their workers and others to get involved in. The two ideas currently are a raingarden project at Wegman's/ Kmart, or a streambank planting project at Goose Creek to supplement the remediation work done there.
 - Kim updated the group on the CLMC Watershed Management Plan Public meeting. The plan focuses on nutrient loading to the Lake coming from sewer plant saying they contribute 27% of phosphorus loading. The other focus is on agriculture. Public comments to the Plan are due in June to Rick Constantino.
 - The deadline for 2% projects closed for the 2011 round. There were 20 projects submitted. They have not as yet been opened.
 - The Chautauqua County Comprehensive Plan is moving forward.
 - The Chautauqua County Planning Department is being considered for closing by the County.
 - John Haffner's area – Brian and a team have received some grant monies and are scheduled to go to the site this week or next to investigate ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership – Liz has the letter ready for proofing. Annette will add an update letter to be sent with it.
- The group was informed that Chautauqua County is considering removing funding for the Soil & Water District. A letter written by Kim to the County Executive describing the benefits of the S&W to the County was read. The group agreed CCWA should send it.

Capacity Building Grant - Liz started a discussion with the group for their input to the next steps to be taken. Chris had to leave at 12:05.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th at 9:00am at the Sewer District in Celoron.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Humphrey