

MINUTES  
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 2010

PRESENT:

Directors: Dan Steward, Liz Dropp, Dick Burlingame, Larry Bourne, Tom Osborne, and Chris Humphrey.  
Watershed Curator: Kim Sherwood Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory  
Members: Annette Strasser

Dan opened the meeting at the South & Center Sewer District, Celoron, at 9:07am with a quorum.

MINUTES: Unavailable

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz submitted the report from April showing the \$400 deposit from donations for the water trail which will be held separately. There was one check written for \$112 for rain barrels and one for our liability insurance for \$325. This left an ending balance of \$3,310.87. Savings accounts showed only interest additions. Balances are \$1348.09 and \$3604.21. Chris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted subject to audit. Larry seconded. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Liz received \$50 from Bob Evans restaurant for the water trail and a thank you note from the Warren Envirothon committee for our donation. She also received our insurance renewal.

UPDATES:

- Curator's Report – Kim gave highlights from his Curator's report. The public plan for the Lake management plan has been released. There is a June 6<sup>th</sup> public meeting. The Plan is available online at PlanningChautauqua.com. The County clean-up during Earth Week was a good success with good participation. The Town of Ellicott's Comp Plan is online at their website. Kim will proceed with his road & ditch inventory.

*9:12 Annette Strasser arrived.*

*9:20 Steve arrived.*

- Stormwater Management Plan – No update
- Hazard Mitigation Plan – No update.
- Conewango Water Trail – Tom reported that the Larimer launch was installed last week in Russell by the Lion's Club. Glade Township removed a tree which was interfering. The Boy Scout made his presentation for his Eagle project at the launch site to the township. A fisherman caught a bowfin which is a protected species and rarely seen.
- NW Nutrient Reduction project – JoAnn submitted for an \$800,000 grant.
- Capacity Building Grant – Liz distributed a list of agencies which the Bayer Center will interview for us and asked us to call them and forewarn them. The committee reported on the Watershed summit they attended.
- Rainbarrel project – Liz bought 14 barrels and sold 5. She has others on hand. She spoke to BOCES and found they are willing to point them for us.
- Raingarden project – No update.
- Green Gardening Expo – several of our members manned the booth with many people stopping to inquire.
- Hatch Run Clean-up – Liz reported her group of 16 volunteers cleaned approximately 0.2 – 0.3 miles of creek banks. They then cleaned the bike trail. She will submit an article to the paper.
- Chautauqua County Comprehensive Plan – Chris updated the group on the progress of this group.

*10 minute break*

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Conflict of Interest – no update
- Alleghany Nature Pilgrimage – Liz sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the booth on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- WCCD Open House – will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They are trying to raise funds and support to finish the new building.
- Conewango Clean-up – Liz will be heading the clean-up this year on September 11<sup>th</sup> and is looking for volunteers.
- Raffle – Liz has the application ready for a permit. The date for the drawing was set for that day. The race will begin in Russell at 11:00 and go to Warren which is 9-10 miles.
- T- Shirts – Chris and Liz are still investigating.
- Dues and Membership Drive – Liz announced it is time to start this again.
- Growing Greener Grant – A coalition of conservation groups in Pa is pushing to have Growing Greener Grant Funding renewed.
- Business ads – Tom described a new map that is coming out showing local businesses in the Pa and nearby NY area. It will be distributed in 3 states in visitor centers at all participating businesses. Larry made a motion to contribute \$100 for an ad. Dick seconded. All were in favor.
- Other:
  - 1) Dan reported that Dave Wilson applied for funding for 5 farms within the watershed in Chautauqua County.
  - 2) Chris reported on a recent tour of the sewer plant she gave to a new school, JHS.
  - 3) Curator Position – there was discussion about the expiration of the Curator's funding.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th at 9:00am at the Sewer District in Celoron. Larry made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chris Humphrey*