THE LACKAWAXEN RIVER CONSERVANCY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2015

1. Attendance: Kenny Christianson, Christine Foland, Glen Johnson, Carole Linkiewicz

2. Call to Order: 10:13 am

3. Minutes: Approved as presented. Motion made by Carole Linkiewicz and seconded by Christine Foland to approve minutes. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer’s Report

* Kenny provided documentation including balance sheet, income and expenses, and statement of expenses spread sheet.
* Current operational account balance is $12,747.59 and net worth is $12, 747.59.

5. Correspondence: none

6. Membership

* No change. Current membership is 77.
* TLRC has had no response from Kathy Earle who was invited to be a member of TLRC and a member of the Board.
* Board membership is now eight, which is out of compliance with TLRC Bylaws. The bylaws require a minimum Board membership of nine.
* Carole moved to invite Randi Olsen to be a member of the Board. Christine seconded the motion**.** Motion carried.  **Christine will contact Randi and extend the invitation.**

7. Scholarship Committee

* **Christine will contact Carmen Francesco, TLRC’s 2015 College Scholarship winner, to arrange awarding the scholarship.**
* Proceeds from silent auction of fabric and 50/50 at the annual dinner will be used to fund TLRC’s 2016 scholarships.
* **Christine will do write-up for TLRC’s website highlighting 2015 scholarship winners.** She will contact Michael Burkhardt for permission and a picture. Carmen has already given this persmission.

8. Outreach

* + Day by the River
* Glen has reserved canopy and Port-a- John. They will be delivered on Friday, July 31 to his home.
* He has had no response from Renee Winslow who currently has TLRC grill. **Glen and Carole will keep trying to reach Renee**. If necessary, other members of the board will make available their grills for the day.
* **Christine will contact Winnie to request a final email blast invitation.**
* **Carole and Bergit will call in order to Lake Region IGA and pick up the food and other supplies.**
* **Carole will provide cans from trash and recycling.**
* **Carole** has not been able to reach Matt Wishnesky from Trout Unlimited to request that he speak at DBR. **She will contact the National Park Service to seep if they can provide a speaker.**
* **Kenny will check with Dan Engvaldsen to see if he is available to provide music with Kenny.**
* **Christine and Carole will provide a craft activity.**
* **Kenny will help with setting up the canopy of Friday, 7-25. He can also pick it up if necessary.**
* **Christine will contact Lonnie to see if he can help with set up again this year.**

9. Other Business

* + Annual Dinner
* Carole contacted The Lackawaxen House and reserved this venue for Sunday 9-27.
* **Kenny will ask Sandra Steingrabber, an environmental biologist from Ithaca College to be our speaker.**
  + **Glen will contact Katie Lester at PPL in regard to condition of the river every August.**
  + Kenny is TLRC’s voting representative on the Board of the D & H Transportation Heritage Council. The DHTHC is restoring a portion of the lock at Lock House 22 and making a walking trail.
  + The letter to the Lackawaxen Township Board of Supervisors is in progress. Carole is working on the draft.
  + The excursion train between Honesdale and Lackawaxen is back.
  + During the course of the meeting, Ernie Ianace, an interested person, joined the meeting with information he felt would be of interest to the Board. Ernie has learned that the toll house that houses Bright’s Fishing Supplies is for sale by the owner, who now lives in Colorado. Ernie has a cabin in Tafton and is an avid bike rider along the Towpath. He would like to generate interest in restoring the toll house. The current asking price is $25,000. He believes that restoration of the outside of the building will cost about $15,000. He would like to see Charley Bright continue his use of the building, but he would also like to see enhanced use that would be beneficial to the Rowland community. The Board expressed the opinion that TLRC was not the appropriate agency to pursue acquisition of the toll house and its enhancement. The Board suggested that the Rowland Coop might be receptive. Ernie joined TLRC during the course of this discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the Rowland Café.

Minutes submitted by Christine Foland, Board member, The Lackawaxen River Conservancy