**THE ROWLAND COOPERATIVE**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting February 27, 2022**

**Rowland Cooperative Market 2:30 – 4:00 pm**

**Helen Weisman Memorial meeting room**

Participants: Lorraine Bentley, Caryn Christianson, Kenny Christianson, Robin Hoose, Marian Keegan

1. Call to Order at 2:35 pm.
2. The minutes from January 30, 2022 were approved unanimously. Moved by Robin, seconded by Caryn.
3. The approval of the minutes led to a discussion of membership issues led by Caryn, Robin and Marian. We agreed to have a pro-rated membership fee, where those who join in April are charged $25.00 for annual membership, were those who join later in the year are charged less based on a pro-rated scale. Robin graciously agreed to work on the scale and send an email to members to remind them that dues are generally due in April.
4. Treasurer’s report:

The finances for 2021 are still a work in progress.

Our current bank balance is $481.88

The well fund (tax escrow) has a balance of $1915.51.

Outstanding checks include:

1154 DeFilippi’s $237.15

1155 D&HTHC $40.00

Accounts payable include:

DeFilippi’s $35.85

Eastern Propane $198.02

LHTC $162.34

4. Water Update: I have not heard from Brian Oram since our last meeting.

5 Membership report: On February 27, 2022, the coop has 71 paid households, representing 183 individuals. We received 20 renewals in 2021. Please consider renewing or joining today if you have not yet done so. We should form a committee to deal with membership issues and devise a recruitment campaign for 2022.

6. Updates:

- Kenny explored the new PPP (Payment Protection Program) loan policy. We are still not eligible since you had to be open on February 1, 2020 and we opened on April 3, 2020.

- There is a potential for a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to fix up the toll house. It is a matching grant between $75,000 and $1,500,000. The Lackawaxen River Conservancy may be interested in establishing an office there.

- The Rowland Cooperative has now officially joined the Delaware and Hudson Transportation Heritage Council. This enables us to plan for a 200th anniversary celebration of the canal. The Lackawaxen River Conservancy and Pike County Historical Society will probably join us in this. We need to pick a date or two.

Robin and Kenny will work on this.

- Kenny has been shopping for a new door. 32” pre-hung doors are between $350 - $500. For $488 we can get a door with a blind between the windows.

- The website has been updated. Members discussed the need to link with the Facebook page, and the importance of social media in marketing. Caryn mentioned that some posts on the website have been inappropriate.

8. Scheduling for this year – A calendar of events for the year is attached.

9. Next meeting – Sunday, March 27, 2022

10. Member issues and concerns.

Marian mentioned that the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence will be 2026. We will also be planning for the 200th anniversary of the canal.

We looked at doors, Robin suggested that we buy one with 6 windows at top to hinder break-ins

11. Adjourn – Moved by Robin, seconded by Marian, passed unanimously.

**Schedule of Events 2022**

Sunday, January 30 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Sunday, February 27 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Sunday, March 27 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Saturday, April 16 Towpath Clean Up, 11:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, coop

Sunday, April 24 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Saturday, May 14 Norwegian Festival, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, coop

Sunday, May 29 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Saturday, June 4 Plant Sale, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, coop

Sunday, June 26 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Monday, July 4 Hawley Parade 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

River Parade, 2:30 – 4:00 pm,

start at Glen Johnson’s, 206 Towpath Road

Fireworks, 8:00 – 10:00 pm, Hillview Tarn

Sunday, July 31 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Saturday, August 6 Day by the River, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

At Glen Johnson’s, 206 Towpath Road

Sunday, August 28 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Monday, September 5 Labor Day Craft Fair 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Annual Meeting 5:00 – 6:00 pm, coop

Sunday, September 25 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Sunday, October 30 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Thursday, November 24 Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 2:00 – 6:00 pm, coop

Sunday, November 27 monthly meeting, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, coop

Saturday, December 3 Christmas Decorating Party, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, coop