**THE ROWLAND COOPERATIVE**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting March 27, 2022**

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

**Helen Weisman Memorial meeting room**

Participants: Lorraine Bentley, Caryn Christianson, Kenny Christianson, Robin Hoose, Randy Nilsen

1. Call to Order – The meeting opened at 2:40 pm.
2. Approval of minutes from February 27, 2022 – The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Moved by Robin, seconded by Lorraine

- The review of the minutes spurred a discussion about membership issues. Thanks to Robin for sending reminder emails to our members.

1. Treasurer’s report:

-The business insurance bill of $1185 is due to Utica Insurance by April 3.

-Due to a lack of electronic access there was nothing further to report.

- Business had been good lately due to the race on the towpath this weekend.

4. Water Update: nothing to report

5 Membership report: On March 27, 2022, the coop has 71 paid households, representing 183 individuals. We received 20 renewals in 2021. Robin has been helping with the member dues email, thank you. We will send out the email reminding members that April is renewal month.

Further discussion included sending postcards to members and maintaining the membership list.

6. Updates:

- The new side door has been installed, which will enhance security for the building.

- 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. I am still working on putting this all together.

Marian recommended including funding for a riparian buffer between the towpath and river.

- I am also exploring other grants from the infrastructure bill, especially for the well.

- The Lackawaxen River Conservancy will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the canal on March 12, 2023. The Pennsylvania Legislature officially allowed the Lackawaxen to be canalized on March 13, 1823.

- ordering from Haram Christensen – we came up with a list, see attached.

- plastic – We are continuing to collect plastic for the Trex bench project.

- website has been updated – We should link the coop website with our Facebook page

8. Upcoming events-

Saturday, April 16 – Towpath Cleanup 11:00 – 1:00, lunch 1:00 – 2:00 at coop.

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

9. Next meeting – Sunday, April 24, 2022

10. Member issues and concerns – We need to plan for festivals and advertise more. We can use the Lackawaxen Connection, River Reporter, and banners and signs.

11. Adjourn at 3:35 – Moved by Robin, seconded by Lorraine