**THE ROWLAND COOPERATIVE**

 **MINUTES**

 **Meeting May 29, 2022**

 **Helen Weisman Memorial Meeting Room, 2:30 – 4:00 pm**

Participants: Lorraine Bentley, Caryn Christianson, Kenny Christianson, Chris Foland, Robin Hoose, Randy Nilsen, Winnie Olsen, Bergit Pinkston, Charlie Weisman

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 2:33.
2. Approval of minutes from April 24, 2022 – The minutes of April 24, 2022 were unanimously approved. Moved by Robin, seconded by Charlie. Charlie had a question about the relationship between the toll house and the Lackawaxen River Conservancy. The LRC will obtain a 10-year lease on the building only if the grant is approved.
3. Treasurer’s report:

- The Coop account is currently at $260.75.

 Outstanding checks: none

 Outstanding debits: LHTC $162.08

 Unpaid bills: DeFilippi’s $345.60
 Eastern Propane $113.83

 Pocono Pro Foods $476.64

 Shemanski’s $379.80

 River Reporter $30.00

- Kenny is still working on 2021 finances, will need for 501c(3) application.

- The well fund account currently has a balance of $1991.46

4. Water Update: Progress has been made with the well since our last meeting. Brian Oram of BF Environmental Engineering contacted me about proceeding with the well. I then contacted Cresswell Drilling (from Dalton PA) to ask if they would be willing to drill a well. I told then we had been working with the state for over two years and that part of the process of obtaining state approval is complete. Currently, Marian Seese from the DEP, Brian Oram, and Cresswell are emailing each other to put together a plan for the well.

5 Membership report: 11 membership renewals, 1 new member so far for 2022.

Member renewals have been slow this year. Perhaps this would be a good time for a mailing.

6. Updates:

 - The Norway Festival was successful. We brought in $480.00 in sales, and introduced the community to our new line of Norwegian products which have been selling well. The smoked pork with sauerkraut was a big hit, but the lapskaus was a bit salty. I learned that I have to soak the corned beef first.

 - Without running, I was elected to the Pike County Democratic Committee, as the male representative for Lackawaxen 2. Thanks to Marian for her vote.

 - Now that the spring semester is over, I will have more time to devote to paperwork.

 - summer hours – Should we return to summer hours, open seven days per week?

 - I sent Heather Clark information about events for the year, and inquired about placing an ad for the coop in the next Lackawaxen Connection. I will be working with her to set up a Paypal account for The Lackawaxen River Conservancy, so I can transfer that knowledge to our website.

 - website has been updated

8. Upcoming events-

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

 We need to discuss this, planning and advertising. Caryn and Eva have been working on this.

Caryn discussed the logistics for the plant sale. We have two plant vendors so far. Bergit volunteered to call people to remind them about the plant sale and membership. Kenny will provide a list to Bergit.

 Monday, July 4 – Hawley parade, river parade, fireworks

9. Next meeting – Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the coop.

10. Member issues and concerns.

Charlie asked about the well. Our first two well drillers gave up due to frustration with the state, we are currently using Cresswell. The proposed well location is the end of the parking lot.

Members discussed planning for the Labor Day craft fair. Robin and Bergit volunteered to help on the committee. We need to work on obtaining vendors and advertising. Blue Ridge Cable and WJFF were mentioned as potential sources for marketing the event.

Bergit complimented Caryn for marching in the Brooklyn parade with the Sons of Norway.

11. Adjourn at 3:27. Moved by Bergit, seconded by Charlie.