

Bertsch-Hokendauqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association

Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2009, 7:00PM

Chris & Erica Amato Residence, Stone Hill Drive, Lehigh Township, Northampton County

- The directors meeting was called to order at about 7:15pm, with the following directors & members in attendance: Chris Amato, Martin Boksenbaum, Bev Cole, Bud Cole, Colin Murphy & Jim Wilson.
- No minutes were recorded during the August 10 meeting; therefore, no August minutes were available for acceptance.
- Jim provided Colin with photocopies of checks from Stream Restoration Incorporated for \$250 (August award for BHCWA article submitted to the Growing Greener Anniversary Website) & from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for \$800 (letter of request for funding to the Foundation for PA Watersheds). Both checks were made payable to NCCD to pay for BHCWA's nonprofit, charitable organization registration/application costs to the IRS & Commonwealth of PA.
- Jim reported that he attended DEP assessment protocol training in July for the Watershed-based Surface Water Quality Assessments that NCCD was granted DEP funding for to implement on several NorCo streams, including waterways in the BHCWA Region. Due to the state budget impasse, this project is on hold until further notice.
- Jim will edit BHCWA's draft bylaws to reflect previously discussed concerns, share them with the board for comment & revision via email before the October meeting & have a draft ready for action at the October meeting.
- Some discussion was had about BHCWA sponsoring a community outreach program this fall. Jim will contact the Carbon County Environmental Education Center for costs & available dates for a live bat program in the BHCWA Region; Bud will follow up with Jerry Lahr at the Lehigh Gap Banding Station about the possibilities of hosting a BHCWA-sponsored hawk banding program at the station. Discussions were also had about sponsoring an environmental film or series of environmental films in the BHCWA Region this winter.
- The next steering committee meeting was scheduled for 7:00pm, Monday, October 12 at Bud & Bev Cole's home on Friar's View Drive in Lehigh Township.
- The steering committee meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm