

Minutes
Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Monday 6/14/2004
Chili Town Library

Present: Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development; Jim Scudder, Town of Bethany; Linda Driscoll, Adopt A Stream, Delta Labs, Inc.; Caroline Myers, Monroe County SWCD; Jim Zollweg, SUNY Brockport; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD, Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Department of Health.

Action items are underlined throughout the minutes.

1. Introductions, assignment of roles, questions about minutes

Meeting Manager: Dorothy; Facilitator: Rochelle; Timekeeper: George; and Scribe, Charlie. George's changes to the May minutes were noted (on page 2, #2, add Agriculture – George Squires and Bob Wilkins; and Jill Babinski is a RECENT graduate of SUNY Geneseo

2. Review details of Public Meeting

Directions to GCC are available, and may go out with meeting reminder.

Publicity: Rochelle sent color and plain flyers to all BCWC members, BCWC "interested parties", board members, municipal representatives to the BCWC, colleges, SWCDs, CCE offices, libraries, town halls, village halls, country clubs, the Water Education Collaborative and CEI. Dorothy distributed a press release to the Democrat and Chronicle, Messenger Post and City papers, Genesee Valley Penny Saver, R-News, etc. George sent the press release to the Batavia Daily News. We should monitor the papers and see where the event is advertised. James Scudder raised the issue of advertising in the LeRoy and Attica Pennysavers, but it was determined to be too late to notify those papers.

No registrations have been received.

Tracey Tomajer will be in attendance. Her two-day visit was discussed.

The meeting format was distributed and discussed.

- Maureen, Charlie, Rochelle, Whitney (and anyone else who wants to) should arrive at 6:00 on Wednesday June 23rd to set up room, practice technology, etc. Rochelle will ask Whitney what AV needs he has.
- Table set up with "for display" SOB Reports, CDs with SOB, pencils, cards, stickies, copies of newsletter, brochures, etc. Everyone should bring their copy of the State of the Basin Report to the meeting for review by the audience. These copies will be returned. Rochelle will bring report CDs, pencils, 3x5 cards, stickies, sign-in sheet, interest forms, 11x17 maps.
- Rochelle will call Luke at MC DES and see if he has a large aerial photo of basin.
- George will do intro, will show the R-News video featuring Dorothy's interview before introducing Whitney.
- The group discussed Whitney's presentation.

He should be sure there is maximum contrast between text and background. Rochelle will e-mail Whitney's presentation to Linda, Caroline and Charlie. Rochelle will share the group's thoughts on the presentation with Whitney. There was concern that -- based on the general information available to us in the PowerPoint presentation -- that the condition of the basin sounds too good and that people won't be inclined to get involved! Gaps in data were discussed. Problems recently noted in the basin (cows in creek, manure pond floods, impact of development, erosion, sedimentation) were also discussed. Improvements can always be made.

There should be a map projected during his presentation. The map can be open on another window and Whitney can toggle between his *.pdf file and the map file easily. Whitney should stress the data behind the map. Jim offered to create a map and the group requested it have Black Creek and tributaries, the watershed boundary, municipal boundaries, the interstate and state and county roads, if possible, and town halls.

The website address should be added as a last slide and kept on display.

- After Whitney's presentation Rochelle will summarize what the BCWC has done since the SOB was finished. Then George will talk about ideas the BCWC has considered implementing The Caring for Creeks workshops were discussed, as were volunteer water quality monitoring programs and the G/FLRPC grant for \$99,450 (!!!) for Black Creek and Oatka Creek.
- During the 15-minute break participants will be asked to place a Post-It (green for debris, pink for access points, etc.) on the large map Jim is preparing.
- Panel Q&A: Dorothy will facilitate this. Rochelle will bring her a bell to ring to let panelists know their 2-minute intro time is up! Panelists should introduce themselves with their name, title, affiliation, and what subject(s) they can answer questions on. The panelists and their topics are:
 - {Ken Avery cannot attend}
 - Charlie Knauf: Dams (Court St., in-stream if possible, Mt. Morris), Water Quality, other stuff as needed!
 - Todd Lippa (NYS Thruway Authority) (attendance not confirmed), Court Street dam.
 - George Squires Genesee County Drainage Program and Agriculture
 - David Lindsay: Town of Chili Drainage Program
 - Gene Millnik (sp?) (DEC) (attendance not confirmed): Flooding
 - Bob Shearer (DEC): Permits/Debris Removal: (*mention regional stormwater facility*)
 - Bob Wilkins: Agriculture:
 - Heidi Bogner: Wildlife & fisheries
 - Rochelle Bell: Public education & outreach initiativesRochelle will make concluding comments
- Refreshments:
 - Charlie volunteered to bring 4 to 5 liters of soda and ice.
 - Robert volunteered to bring cups, small plates, napkins, trash bags & paper towels
 - Dorothy will bring pretzels and chips.

Save your receipts and George and Rochelle will try to reimburse you.
Rochelle will ask Maureen to make signs with directions to room

- 3. Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 22, 7:00 PM at Chili Library Meeting Room
George will talk to Steve Locke about making a presentation.