

including a piece on wetlands, the beaver habitat, invasive species around the lake, and native fish vs. non-native (stocked) fish species.

N. Carlisle Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Ed Franco and Steve Fealtman presented the FOLC PowerPoint presentation to the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce officers in April. They received a "VIP List" of Chamber members.

After discussion, the Board voted not to renew membership in the Chamber of Commerce for another year.

I. Next Meeting of Board of Directors

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at the home of Ed and Mary Franco. Contact Ed Franco at 243-9863 for directions if necessary. *(This is a change from what was decided at the meeting.)*

The following Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 18, 2007 at the home of Cindy and Gary Criswell, 471 Pine Grove Road, Gardners. Directions will be given at the June Board meeting.

Corrections and Additions

The above summation is our interpretation of the items discussed and the agreed decisions at the time of this meeting. Any person desiring to add to or modify these minutes is advised to submit comments in writing to the attention of the Secretary no later than five (5) days after receipt; otherwise, these minutes will remain as issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia E. Criswell
Secretary

be sent to all who donated memorials and Mrs. Ritter will also be notified of the memorials.

I. Brochure Mailing

Mailing the new brochure was discussed. It was decided to mail five copies of the new brochure to each member household with a cover sheet asking them to help distribute the brochures. The upcoming work day will also be mentioned in the cover sheet. Cindy Criswell and Cheryl Pauli will meet to stuff envelopes and get the brochures in the mail next week.

We should also try to target local Fish & Game clubs if possible.

J. Treasurer's Report

Wayne DeMoss reported the following:

\$492 in the Ritter Memorial Fund
\$2,898 in the General Fund
\$5,400 was spent in 2007 on the Anglers Access Trail
\$35,271 in the Repair The Dam Fund

K. Fundraising Committee

Ed Franco reported for Allen Shank on various fundraising approaches being taken by himself, Allen Shank and Steve Fealtman. He named various foundations being approached for grants.

L. Projects and Trail Committee

The next Work Day at the lake is scheduled for Saturday, 6/2/07. Possible work projects will include construction of a storage shed to be placed at the township building for storage of FOLC supplies, finishing the steps at the approach of one of the wetland bridges, picnic table installation, trail maintenance (cutting and trimming), and trash pick-up.

It was noted that permanent trash receptacles should be considered for future placement at the lake.

M. Trail Map and Brochure

Jan Ruby discussed the trail map/brochure. It is nearly complete; however, trail mile markers should be added and possible plant locations should be noted. The Board discussed preparing education signage to be placed around the trail

PAF&BC approved \$75,000 in funding to pay toward engineering on the dam. This work will be advertised for bids as soon as possible. The contract for dam engineering could be awarded soon after 7/1/07.

FOLC should plan to raise another \$60,000 to \$70,000 for engineering costs. Lower Frankford Township will contribute up to \$90,000 towards engineering costs.

G. Election of Officers

The Board of Directors elected the following to the Executive Committee:

Ed Franco	President
Steve Fealtman	Vice President
Cindy Criswell	Secretary
Craig Houston	Treasurer

Tim Barrick and Wayne DeMoss were appointed to the Dam Construction Committee. Their duties will consist of oversight of the actual work on the dam, review of contracts, etc.

H. Membership and Public Relations Committee

Cindy Criswell reported that membership now stands at 275 plus those new membership forms received at this meeting.

Cindy Criswell, Mary Franco, and Cheryl Pauli met and discussed the memorial situation since the Ritter memorial request. It was decided by the Board that memorial contributions will be handled as follows:

- Less than \$500: Opossum Lake watercolor by Jan Ruby with inscription for a thank you for the contribution/memorial.
- \$500 to \$5000: Name in brass on a wooden plaque to be posted at the future pavilion. This plaque will have a statement at the top describing it as a memorial plaque and additional small brass plaques with additional names can be added at any time.
- Over \$5,000: Name on a brass plaque on a bench or picnic table.

Cindy Criswell distributed a letter she prepared to be sent to Janet Ritter explaining why there will not be a plaque on a bench or table in memory of her husband. Approximately \$500 was received in memorials. Thank you letters will

It was also noted that Brehm Lebo Engineering has provided \$1,500 in in-kind services for their survey work in preparation for the drilling at the dam. Their total fee was \$6,000.

The Fundraising & Finance Committee will issue letters (to be used for IRS purposes) to URS and Brehm Lebo noting the amounts of their in-kind services.

B. Cumberland County Council of Governments Meeting

Ed Franco, Steve Fealtman, and Allen Shank will attend the 5/14/07 meeting and do a short PowerPoint presentation. It was decided that they will ask the townships present to disseminate FOLC information through possibly a brochure in the township mailing or an article in their township newsletters. We should focus on only the adjoining townships.

C. Bulk Mailing Permit

The possibility of FOLC obtaining a bulk mailing permit was discussed. A minimum of 150 pieces would be required for each mailing. It was decided to wait until after the COG meeting on 5/14/07.

D. New Brochure on Web Site

We need to put the new brochure on the FOLC website in some way. Jan Ruby will supply Steve Fealtman with a pdf for his use in posting on the website.

E. Maintenance of Lake Property

It was noted that the PA Fish & Boat Commission person responsible for mowing and maintenance will be at the meeting at the lake on 5/10/07. Mort Fegley and possibly Dave Bachman from the township will be present to discuss mowing and maintenance now that the township has leased the property from PAF&BC.

Hal Gardner will try to attend also to discuss herbicide treatment along the Anglers Access Trail and to discuss the area of the lake shore to be returned to its natural state.

F. Funding for Dam Engineering Design

The PAF&BC, Cumberland County, Lower Frankford Township, and FOLC will work together under a cooperative agreement to set up the funding for the beginning of dam engineering.

PAF&BC will "donate" \$11,000 to Lower Frankford Township after the piezometer study is completed.

Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy (FOLC)

Board of Directors Meeting No. 12

May 9, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Ed and Mary Franco, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ed Franco, President.

In attendance:

Ed Franco
Mary Franco
Mort Fegley
Craig Houston
Wayne DeMoss
Tim Barrick

Cheryl Pauli
Hal Gardner
Steve Fealtman
Jan Ruby
Ruben Lao
Cindy Criswell

Absent: Allen Shank
Gary Criswell
Eric Klinedinst

General Discussion

A. URS / Dam Monitoring / Piezometer Installation

The drilling will begin this Thursday or Friday at the lake for the installation of piezometers. Mary Franco will send a press release to the Sentinel and the Harrisburg Patriot in the hopes of having a reporter present to report on the drilling and the current status of the lake. The PA Fish & Boat Commission issued a press release on the status of Opossum Lake. The release is also posted on their web site.

Following the Board of Directors meeting, the following information was discussed: "After a two week baseline monitoring period, the lake will be raised two feet per week for seven weeks and piezometer readings will be done every other day."

URS has donated \$3,200 in in-kind services. The cost for the drilling and piezometers to FOLC is \$25,000. They are also providing \$1,500 in in-kind training to Tim Barrick and Wayne DeMoss for monitoring the piezometers.