

## Minutes 12 Jan 12

1. Meeting called to order 6:00pm. A few updated comments/corrections were made to the 8 Dec minutes as follows:
  - a. It was previously stated that \$330,000 was awarded to the LCDC by the state for the mill cleanup. This amount is now not definite; may be less.
  - b. It is now not definite if the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce will depict the 3-way Bridge on their 2012 Christmas ornament.
  - c. Joe Martens, Commissioner of the DEC, was also in attendance at the 5Dec meeting to discuss paper mill status.
  - d. The Yerdon Family plaque refurbishment cost was previously quoted as \$500 by Kevin Ward. This will now be done for free. Kevin's son will do this task as a school project and he will use his own materials. Rocky will write a letter to the school upon completion. ( If you want a good negotiator, contact Peggy ☺)
  - e. Bonnie will be the new chairperson for the Welcome Gift Baskets. Rocky will help.

Steve Kraeger made a motion to accept the revised minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Kraeger.
2. Treasurer's report: We have a balance of \$3,600.30. Approximate expenditures were: \$300 Christmas Tree lights; \$90 Deck the Falls contest; \$738 for the two snowflakes; and \$44 for Christmas toys.  
Membership: Still have 61 members, 10-12 delinquent.
3. Farmers Market report: Balance remains \$650.69. Gary still needs a tent. Reality Check tent was used last year.
4. Village report:
  - a. Snowflakes have arrived but because time was limited as to how long we can have them on the light poles, they won't be put up until the fall/winter timeframe.
  - b. We have entered the Readers Digest "We Hear You America" contest. We now have 13,568 votes and rank 61. We need to rank between 1-20 to obtain any prize money. Go to [www.readersdigest.com/america](http://www.readersdigest.com/america) to vote. Vote as many times as you like. Top prize is \$50,000 down to \$1,000. Contest ends 1Mar. If you have any questions, email Katie at [pliendec@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:pliendec@twcnny.rr.com).
  - c. The Brownfield Opportunity Area public meeting will be scheduled some time in March or April.
  - d. The public hearing for the curfew law will be 27 Feb at 5:00pm at the fire hall. Mr. Gebo will be there. Will invite the sheriff also.
5. Bonnie and Anne Huntress will do the "Deck the Falls" contest again this year. The 2011 winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Fergusons; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – The Boshart's; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

– The Liechty’s. Honorary Mention certificates will be given to the rest of the participants.

**6. Kayak events:**

- a. Doug Hunt has already started contacting the kayakers for the spring event. Because Mother’s Day is 13May, we will encourage the kayakers to participate in the annual McManus Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday. We will only have the churches’ provide breakfast on Saturday.
- b. We will try the fall event one more time hoping that it’ll be successful. Let’s be the kayak capital of NYS!
- c. We will sell t-shirts this year that can be used for both events. Ideas for the shirts were: No dates; some long sleeves; our email address printed on the back or sleeve, print a caricature of the Black Moose on front or back or some other picture. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. Cost of t-shirts \$7.50; will be more if long sleeve and depending on what we have printed.

7. Bakery survey was handed out; return at next meeting. Originally, it was going to be two businesses but Jeanne now needs the entire store. Owner approved.

8. Rocky is working on finalizing the ALIVE sponsorship letters. Will be out next month and will be the same as last year. Major sponsors are: Otis \$1,000; Edge Hotel \$500; Dodge Pratt-Northam \$500; Allen family \$250 and others at \$250; Stewarts \$200; and some others at \$100.

9. Summer Festival: This year the bouncers may have to be purchased and will be a large expense. Angie may know how to get some and will check this out. Chris Chaufy is heading up the parade. Sponsors and non-profit groups are invited to set up a booth. Do we want vendors? Ideas to bring in more people: Triathlon; 5K children’s race; more activities for the older kids; log rolling, kayaking; petting zoo. Ft Drum will provide entertainment again this year.

**10. 2012 Event Calendar:**

Spring Kayak	11-13 May
Village-wide Garage Sale	12 May
Farmers Market	12Jun – 9Oct (Tues. noon-6pm)
Summer Festival	7 Jul (10-2:30pm) [Parade starts @ 9:30am]
Fall Kayak	12-14 Oct
Caroling/Tree Lighting	2 Dec

- 11. Rocky mentioned that YNN Channel 10 News (My Home Town) came to Lyons Falls on 12Jan to interview Doreen at Otis. They also interviewed Rocky about ALIVE and Roy Hammecker about the History Association.**
- 12. Rocky also mentioned that the Lewis County Chamber and Pratt-Northam are doing a leadership series workshop which will be held at the fire hall on 20Jan. Approximately 20-30 people will be attending.**
- 13. Steve Kraeger raised a concern about the Kruger hydro plant at the mill site eventually wanting to expand. He stated that instead of the LCDC subsidiary group and other concerned citizens fighting against Kruger, maybe we should join them on a friendly basis and perhaps as a result gain some type of benefit from them such as free power, or at least a reduction in our taxes or electrical bill. It is a natural resource that our village could and should benefit from. Doug Hunt mentioned that this was tried when the wind farm moved in and because both the wind farm and this hydro plant go out on the grid, local villages will not benefit. Rocky and Roy both stated that everyone is working together in an amicable fashion.**
- 14. Next meeting scheduled for 9 Feb.**
- 15. Susie made a motion to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.**

**Respectively Submitted by,**

**Bonnie Manning, Acting Recording Secy**

**ATTENDEES, 12 Jan 12**

**Rocky Fawcett**

**Bonnie Manning**

**Angie Kraeger**

**Liz Clair**

**Peg Abbott**

**Gary Mavis**

**Ginny Fitzgerald**

**Wally Dawson**

**Sharon Dawson**

**Nancy Pratt**

**Donald Pratt**

**Stephen Kraeger**

**Susie Hammecker**

**Roy Hammecker**

**Doug Hunt**