

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Recreation**

**Date and Time Friday, April 11 2003 at 4:00 PM**

**Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY**

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**Minutes**

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TO: RACOG Joint Recreation Committee

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: April 15, 2003

RE: Minutes of April 11, 2003 meeting

Present: H. Armstrong(T/C), M. Franchini(T/W), W. Kennehan(CYC), T. Stewart(T/C), P. Strife(T/W), and R. Vary(V/C)

Absent: J. Agresti(V/WC), K. Amyot, J. DeLano(CCSA), B. Draper(V/C Rec), W. Monaghan(V/WC Rec), J. Scott, Jr.(V/WC), and J. Trowbridge(V/C)

Chairperson Strife called the meeting to order at 4:00PM at the Town of Champion Municipal Building.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by R. Vary to approve the minutes for March 13, 2003 as submitted. Approved unanimously.

T. Stewart reported on RACOG activities and requests for recommendation from the executive board in regards to a swim program and boat launch improvements.

**New Business**

- Members discussed the 2003 recreational swim program as requested by the RACOG executive board. Option #1-Transport participating children from the Carthage and West Carthage summer programs to Whetstone Gulf State Park ; Option #2-Develop a program utilizing the Carthage Central High school pool. Members discussed the merits and opportunities available at each site. The recommendation of the committee is to provide recreational swimming two afternoons per week at Whetstone Gulf State Park with transportation provided by the program.
- The RACOG executive board has requested that the committee study improvements to the South Main Street boat launch. Committee members deferred the discussion until they have more information including the availability of funds earmarked by hydro power companies for recreational development along the river.
- The committee discussed intentions to focus on a walking trail system in the villages. The Village of Carthage recreation department shall provide additional information but representatives were not present at this meeting.
- P. Strife reported that her family has proposed donating and placing a "Liberty Bell" in the perennial park maintained by the ACT for Youth program. Members of the youth group were present at the meeting and will present the proposal to their group for approval. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by R. Vary to send a letter of support to the Village of Carthage Board and the Village Planning Board. Motion approved by consensus.
- Kylie Hancock, ACT Youth Program coordinator, distributed program information. Motion by W. Kennehan, seconded by T. Stewart to include a member of the ACT Youth Program as a member of the Joint Recreation committee.
- The committee discussed alternative uses for the County Route 45 swim area including the sale of the property.

W. Kennehan reported that the Carthage Youth Club will hold a fundraising dinner event on May 7, 2003 at the Elks Club. The CCS Show Choir will entertain and members of the Syracuse University football team will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

**The next meeting of the Joint Recreation Committee will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 4:00PM at the Town of Champion Municipal Building.**