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Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates

MINUTES - June 16, 2017

The meeting, held at Stoney Ridge Orchard and Winery, Erin NY, hosted by Chemung County, was called to order by Association President Bob Green (*Ontario*) at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Green (*Ontario*) welcomed everyone in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D. Draxler (*Chemung*), and A. Jackson (*Chemung*) provided the invocation.

Roll call of counties

The following 11 counties answered roll call: Allegany (1/2), Cattaraugus (3), Chemung (5/3), Genesee (2), Livingston (1/1), Monroe (1), Ontario (3), Orleans (1), Steuben (2), Wayne (1), Yates (1). **21 members, and 8 guests in attendance.**

Welcome from Host County

President Green introduced Chemung County Legislative Chair Donna Draxler. Ms. Draxler welcomed everyone to Stoney Ridge Orchard and Winery. She conveyed County Manager Tom Santulli's regrets as he could not attend today's meeting due to a prior commitment. President Green thanked Ms. Draxler for her warm welcome.

Approval of Minutes

J. Pastrick (*Chemung*), made the motion, seconded by S. LeRoy (*Wayne*), to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2017, as written; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

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Treasury Balance ending April 28, 2017			\$5,143.24
"Cash Box" as of May 31, 2017		\$30.00	
Check Book Balance as of May 31, 2017		\$5,293.24	
Receipts:			
April Meeting @ Cayuga (11 – Cayuga; 1 - Wyoming)		\$240.00	
May Meeting @ Seneca (41)		\$820.00	
Disbursements:			
Ck#1168 – VOIDED Check to del Lago Resort (incorrect amount written)	\$0		
Ck#1169 – del Lago Resort & Casino (May Mtg @ Seneca)	\$880.00		
Treasury Balance ending May 31, 2017			\$5,323.24

Dues not received from: Tompkins

M. Morris (*Yates*), made the motion, seconded by S. Stein (*Genesee*), to accept the Treasurer's reports dated May 31, 2017; motion carried.

NYSAC Update

Association President Green introduced Dave Lucas, NYSAC Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Relations, who presented an Albany update.

- **End of State Legislative Session:**
Last day in session is June 21, 2017. Top priorities for counties remain on the list of issues the State Legislature should be completing: Sales Tax extenders, NYC Mayoral control of city schools, procurement reform, and victims of childhood sexual abuse.
- **Sales Tax Extenders:**
The Assembly and Senate are not aligned with renewing local sales tax bills. There are other Home rule bills which it is expected that the two houses will leave Albany for the year without action. The Assembly has tied a multi-year renewal of mayoral control over NYC schools system to county sales tax extenders. Assembly, Senate, and Governor are not in agreement.
- **DA Funding Bill:**
The State Legislature approved salary raises of district attorneys in NYS as recommended by NYS Commission on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation. In the past the state has funded these increases. As yet, they have not voted to fund these increases which would make it near impossible for many counties to stay within the tax cap for all government operations.
- **County-Wide Shared Services Initiative:**
Counties across the state are hosting panel meetings with municipalities and school districts within their county borders. NYSAC is establishing a clearinghouse of information and ideas generated from these panels. The information will be available on the NYSAC website.
- **911 Surcharges:**
Information has been distributed to counties regarding what is required to implement this new law. This legislation requires sellers to collect a surcharge on the sale of each prepaid wireless communications service or device. Effective December 1, 2017.
- **Raising the Age Task Force and Activity:**
A Raise the Age (RTA) Taskforce has been established. Its mission will be to help local leaders facilitate implementation of the new law and provide leadership and guidance.
- **Counties Suing over Opioid Pharmaceuticals:**
Nine Counties have filed opioid related lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies. They are seeking compensatory and punitive damages for costs incurred each year to combat the opioid crisis.

Discussion followed among members after Dave's presentation of highlights.

S. Labuhn (*Cattaraugus*) alerted the association of efforts to close the Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center in West Seneca, NY. The Governor's office wants to close the center and move

inpatients to the Buffalo Psychiatric Center. This is a totally different type of residential living environment not suitable for children as well as a hardship for families. Senator C Young has a bill opposing this move.

President Green thanked Dave Lucas and all members for discussion about these critical issues.

Unfinished / New Business: none.

Resolutions: none.

Presentation/Program:

Mr. Werner Hepner was introduced to the association to share how Stoney Ridge Orchard came to be. Mr. Hepner welcomed all to his establishment. Stoney Ridge Orchard and Winery is a family owned and family run business. Mr. Hepner told how his family has grown the farm and orchard in 26 short years developing a successful business. He explained how they have perfected the art of growing only the best fruits and creating a variety of products such as ciders, wines, apple soaps and apple breads. The facility is also a wonderful venue for parties and weddings.

President Green thanked Mr Hepner and Chemung County for hosting this meeting and all who contributed.

Adjournment: On motion of P. Yendell (*Livingston*), seconded by S. Labuhn (*Cattaraugus*), the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM followed by lunch; motion carried.

Reminder: The next regular meeting will be hosted by Monroe County on August 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen R. DeMay, Secretary
Inter County Association of Western New York