The meeting of the North Country Library Directors was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Dennis Eickhoff at the Lowville Public Library. Following introductions of all in attendance, a motion was made by Charlie Garafalo and seconded by Sharon Briggs to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting. All were in agreement.

Steve Bolton reported on the upcoming offered classes including the July 13 roundtable at NCLS. Hugh Farley, NYS Assemblyman and great supporter of libraries, will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting in October. Following the luncheon that day, there will be a trustees’ workshop and library directors’ meeting. The new and improved catalog will hopefully be available for trial in August. Massena Library is presently closed and Steve has intervened. A meeting will be held to appoint new board members and we are reminded to keep discussion positive, but not to white-wash the situation. At the closing of the Constantia Library, monies have been distributed to pay off mortgage, provide scholarships and a gift to NCLS in the amount of $60,000.

The Central Library Committee reports that they are working on revising #3 of the standards and will be meeting again soon.

There was no other old business, although circulation fees need to be addressed. NCLS will send a letter to each library for approval. POT wants the formula to be looked into as they pay more than any other library. Each library will eventually have unique barcode information.

Charlie Garafalo asked about a computer use survey and patrons’ reason for using computer – no one has done it, but it can include just numbers. CAV has laptops and WiFi users use their barcode or sign in sheet. Pat Musante stated that statistics are needed for both taxpayers and legislators – stats on mobile users, trends, current users, etc. Wayne questioned HeritageQuest and losing users. Pat wants training classes.

Dennis announced that we need a nominating committee for the October meeting with president, vice-president and secretary. No one volunteered.

Pat spoke about television commercials and Steve reported that advertising our programs is in the works. BTOP grant is running out and marketing might be a good way to spend some money. Wayne suggested that each county spend
25% of their funding on marketing such as TV 10 or 7. Julie spoke of marketing our events via FROGGY.

The Legislators in Lewis and Oswego Counties are being approached on the benefits of funding technology with the support of the Legislature being promoted publicly. Oswego County libraries presently receive $55,000 and Lewis has been cut. With the Legislators taking credit for this (with in-kind training), it should be more agreeable. It is being looked into in Lewis County.

Sharon asked about live auction and charging sales tax on purchases. By using an auction service, they will take care of it. Pat reported that the ATTAIN Lab requires a social security number and the library shouldn’t be asking. She also reported that a video conference on human resources will be available at POT.

The next meeting will follow lunch at the Annual Meeting on October 6, 2012 at JCC.

Wayne moved for adjournment at 11:50.

Respectively submitted,

Margaret Weigel
Secretary