

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF**  
**MARCH 17, 2015**  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the February 17, 2015 minutes. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry read a letter inviting CCWA members to the Business Hall of Fame dinner in Johnstown on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Jack Calandra, businessman from Cresson and benefactor of CCWA, is being recognized. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed "authorizing to send two people to the Business Hall of Fame Dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup>."

Next, Jerry presented a sample of a T shirt that could have the CCWA logo printed on it and could be purchased from Damin Printing. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed "authorizing purchase of 50 T shirts from Damin Printing."

CCWA also received the Certificate of Liability Insurance from Krieger Excavating naming CCWA as additional insured.

**Membership Committee:**

There were 9 memberships received this past month. Memberships are coming in quite well this year but we, once again, remind you to send in your dues if you have not done so already and thanks to all of those who have.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Dick gave Ray an article that was recently in The Progress. We want to thank The Progress for this coverage.

**Finance Report:**

Earl had a ticket for review that would replace the Dam Cleanout ticket that we sold the last few years. This ticket would have a \$100.00 gift card at each of the following locations- Sheetz, Field & Stream, Dick's, Wal-Mart, and Layo's General Store. There would be one winner for this ticket. Earl will have this ticket drawn up and available for the April meeting.

Ray reported that he has lots of fishing derby tickets. Please contact any board member if you would like to purchase or sell some tickets.

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, March 17, 2015**

**Monthly Meeting Activity: March, 2015**

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Memberships	\$ 67.00	gen Fund
	Donations	\$ 225.00	gen Fund
	Ashville VFW FF Donation	\$ 500.00	Fish Fund
	Derby Tick	\$ 150.00	SGOC
	DEP reimbursement	\$2,599.90	Beldin
	DEP reimbursement	\$ 273.00	Beldin

**Expenses**

			Valley
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ (100.00)	Fork
	Dane Kalwanaski	\$ (107.04)	Gen Fund Tax Software/TU Membership
	Penn Cambria TIC	\$ (250.00)	Fish Fund
	Glendale Sportsmen	\$ (400.00)	Fish Fund

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report. Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed “authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer’s Report with the exception Dane is to review the Mahaffey Lab invoice for \$125.00 with a \$25.00 credit.” Please see attached Treasurer’s report for the General and Grant Accounts.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan reported that CCWA received two Dominion grants for \$500.00 each-one for water sampling and the other for the posts, sakrete, and the printing of brochures that will be placed along Clearfiled Creek in a few areas.

**Shawn Simmers Presentation:**

Shawn reported the CCWA is expecting two more stream crossing permits this week- stream crossing 4 and 5. Shawn also reported that SFU has a summer intern program for up to 3 students. Several questions were asked about this program by the members present. Shawn is to get more details and report at the April meeting.

**Cleanup Committee:**

The members present were reminded that the first cleanup of the year is on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM meeting in Dysart at the Dean Township Municipal Building. Lunch will be provided.

**Tech Committee:** The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-March 17, 2015**

Klondike Project The site was visited 3/17. The field pH of the outflow was 5.7. The VFP was not overflowing.

West Ferris Wheel Project Krieger is working at cutting the trees.

Gibson Project Trees have been cut by the Game Commission contractor. We await word on the settlement of the Bender land with the Game Commission.

Beldin Project Minetech was planning to meet with Cambria County on permitting. No word on this. Discussions with landowners on access agreements are underway.

Swank project No activity

Amsbry Project Discussion with DEP personnel indicates that the major weak point in our construction proposal was justification of need in view of the effects of the Cresson plant. Minor matters were the lack of a letter from the local Planning Commission, and discussion of O&M responsibilities.

Brubaker Project Proposals for design and permitting of an active treatment plant for the Dean Clay Mine discharge were opened at a Board Meeting on 3/9. The low bidder was Skelly and Loy with a quote of \$34,830. It was decided to go forward with Skelly. Several questions arose from the proposals. In a phone conversation on 3/16, Terry Schmidt of Skelly said that their price did include \$1600 for permit fees. He indicated that Skelly will estimate the additional cost of drilling to investigate an injection hole for disposal of sludge, and pointed out that inexpensive disposal of solid sludge might be feasible on-site or at a nearby mine. Regarding meeting the Mn limit for outflow, he said that the state would not impose a limit on Mn, and that probably most of the Mn would be removed with the Fe. This topic will be studied further. Skelly will provide a written addendum to their proposal covering these items.

Clearfield Creek Sampling A set of data for January was received from Joe Hoy. February sampling was conducted.

WBSusq Restoration Coalition meeting This group met on 3/10. Tom Clark discussed the mine drainage database on the SRBC website ([www.srb.net/programs/minedrainage.htm](http://www.srb.net/programs/minedrainage.htm)) and remediation projects on Bear Run with funds from the Susq. Basin Commission, to recover large proportion of the stream. Grant possibilities and other programs were also presented.

319 meeting The annual meeting of watersheds receiving 319 grants will be held in State College on April 7. Arthur Rose will attend, and other members are welcome.

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: March 17, 2015**

Gibson-All of the trees have been cut by the logger for the PGC. I have to send out a revised flow agreement for this project, PGC must sign.

WFW- Krieger's are in the process of cutting the trees. The heavy snow and cold weather has been a problem for them. CCWA could possibly ask for a 1 week extension beyond March 31<sup>st</sup> for the tree cutting. Two more permits for stream crossing are expected to arrive this week. ACOE had received Delaware Nation comments on these permits, and that was supposedly the last obstacle to issuance. Krieger must install/update their E & S controls before the pending heavy water runoff.

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Data Logger – Brian is hoping to get out on March 18<sup>th</sup> and check the data logger and download the data.

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Ace Drilling Site- Sampling for this site is to be done later in the month when hopefully the weather will be warmer.

**Old Business:**

**Website Update:** Art stated that he has added a few photos to the website. He would like to add a different map and the list of our accomplishments for 2014. Art would also like to add the distance of Clearfield creek- a discussion was held on the exact distance.

**Project Booklet:** We have not heard back from Rebecca Holler lately on the status of the project booklet. We still need some photos for the booklet. Jerry is to contact Rebecca.

**New Business:**

**Penn Cambria Middle School Report:** Jerry read an e-mail that he had received from Ben Watt, science teacher for PC Middle School. “The science class has a large number of brook trout (150) that are 1.5 to 2 inch range. There are also both brown and rainbow trout that are slightly larger (about 500). They are all doing well. The students are also very excited about the pending field trip. Again we are asking for a little financial support to continue the environmental programs that we offer at Penn Cambria. A small monetary donation can go a long way to defray the costs of these programs”

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed “to support the Penn Cambria Trout in the Classroom project with a \$250.00 donation.” Money is to be taken out of the fish fund.

**Field Day- April 8<sup>th</sup>:** This is the date of the field day for the PC students. We will start at the mouth of Beaver Dam Run where it dumps into Clearfield Creek. Bryan Rabish will bring all material for the macroinvertebrate study. Next the students will be meeting the stocking trucks to assist the PFC with trout stocking. After lunch, provided by CCWA, we will be taking the students up to the Brubaker AMD site to show them the impact of abandoned mine drainage on Brubaker and Clearfield Creek.

**Board Meeting-March 9, 2015:** As a matter of record; the Board of Directors met on March 9<sup>th</sup> to review the RFP’s received for design and permitting of an active treatment plant. It was the consensus of the members present to accept the Skelly & Loy proposals with a few questions to be clarified.

**Special Activates Permit:** Ed had talked to Al Colian, local Fish & Boat Commission warden, about the special activates permit required for our annual fishing derby. Ed stated that he will fill out the permit for this event.

**Clearfield County Annual Awards Banquet:** The Clearfield County Conservation District is holding their 2015 Annual Awards Banquet on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Curwensville Moose Family Center. Dick and Mabel are to attend this event and represent CCWA.

**Next Meeting: April 21, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski the meeting was adjourned.