

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes
Meeting of January 20, 2004

The meeting was opened by President John Strittmatter at 6:30 PM in the St. Thomas Church in Ashville with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Attendance was 37 people.

On a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Pat McNulty, the **minutes** of the meeting of December 16, 2003 were approved unanimously.

The **Treasurer**, Larry Sutton, presented a report for December 2003 and an Annual Report. The Annual Report is appended to these minutes. During the month of December, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, December 1 st	\$3,405.56
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Web site fees	(139.65)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	0.00
Donation – web site sponsor	250.00
Bank interest	0.16
Ending Balance, December 31 st	<u>\$3,516.07</u>

Dues for Deposit at 12/31/03: \$0

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<u>Grant Account</u>	KLONDIKE	FISH	HEINZ	Accrued	TOTAL
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, Dec 1 st	\$ 0.00	\$1,000	\$ 477.00	\$29.80	\$1,506.80
<u>Expenses:</u>					
Mahaffey Labs	_____	_____	(25.00)	_____	(25.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>					
Bank interest	_____	_____	_____	0.07	.07
End Balance, Dec 31 st	\$ 0.00	\$1,000	\$ 452.00	\$29.87	<u>\$1,481.87</u>

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Other Business:

1. Klondike Grant (2003 DEP Growing Greener Award) – Funds have not been received yet.
 2. A \$2,500 surveying invoice from George Cree is being held for payment, pending receipt of grant money for the Klondike project.
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On a motion by Earl Smithmyer seconded by Jerry McMullen, the monthly and annual reports were accepted unanimously. In answer to a question, the Treasurer indicated that no audit was necessary for annual receipts less than \$25,000.

The Secretary reported the **mailing of a dues/accomplishments** letter in early January. About 125 letters were mailed to all 2003 members plus some members of previous years.

The Secretary also pointed out that the Bylaws call for **election of one at large director** in the new year. The term of Dennis Storm is expiring. It was decided that nominations would be made at the current meeting, with voting at the February meeting. On opening the nominations, Ray Hollen was nominated by Jerry McMullen, and Dennis Storm was nominated by Pat McNulty seconded by Paul Noll. It was then moved and seconded that the nominations be closed, and unanimously approved.

Bob Funicelli reported for the **Membership Committee** that 19 renewals had been received.

In **Public Relations**, Pat McNulty noted that articles on the December meeting and the Association activities appeared in the Altoona Mirror and the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat.

For the Tech Committee, Arthur Rose reported that our signed contract had been received from the State for the **Klondike Mine project**, and we are awaiting an advance of funds to pay a bill of \$2500 from Cree Surveying. Preparation of a Growing Greener proposal for construction is proceeding. A visit to the project by John Foreman, Earl Smithmyer, Arthur Rose, Bryan Rabish and others on January 8 obtained information for estimating the channel size needed for a 100-year flood on the stream flowing over the highwall. About 5 hours was spent by Foreman and Rose on Jan 20 designing this stream restoration, and further design will be done on Jan. 27. The need for letters of support from Representative Haluska and Senator Wozniak was discussed. Jen Demchak indicated that a letter to the legislators should be adequate to have them write the support letters.

The report on **coal refuse piles** is essentially complete. Copies will be given to the four local cogen plants, and possible plans for removal will be investigated.

A field meeting was held on the **Brubaker Run project** with Andy Stern and Lawrence Opoputi of ATS Engineers and John Foreman, plus Smithmeyer, Rose, Rabish and Drew. Foreman gave copies of the BBC-9 clay mine map to Stern and Rose. Plotting of the mine indicates that it extends under the hill north of Dougherty, and is deeper than 300 ft. below surface most of its length. These characteristics are favorable for sealing to decrease the flow of acid water. A meeting to discuss the Phase 1 Feasibility report is scheduled for mid February in Baltimore. An inquiry has been sent to Steve Garbarino of the Corps of Engineers to determine the exact time and place. We are also due to receive a copy of the report.

Earl Smithmyer described plans for **the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association Fishing Derby**, to be held May 22 at the Dysart Dam, open to children up to age 15. Besides CCWA, sponsors are the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club, the Ashville VFW, and the Holtz fish fund. Prizes will be gift certificates for sporting equipment. Children entering will get free food and drink; adults will pay for these. The proposal is to make this an annual event, supported in the future by sale of 2500 - \$1 raffle tickets. The proceeds would be used for a \$500 prize for the raffle, plus purchase of fish and prizes for fish, with any residue to CCWA. We will need a license for small games of chance (though the Laurel Run Sportsmans has one). On a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Jeff Holtz, the plan was unanimously approved.

The **Clearfield Creek Assessment Report** by the Cambria and Clearfield County Conservation districts is complete, and a copy will be turned over to CCWA in about a week.

Arthur Rose furnished copies of letters to US Senators and Representatives urging renewal of the **Abandoned Mineland Fund**. Rose also mentioned two meetings on Acid Mine Drainage for watershed groups: The American Society of Mining and Reclamation in Morgantown WV, April 16-22, and the WPCAMR conference on Abandoned Mine Reclamation, June 11-12 in Indiana, PA. Both meetings will include field tours of treatment systems. Jen Demchak pointed out that the Morgantown meeting had a high cost and was mainly relatively technical, but the Indiana meeting would be much less expensive and designed for watershed groups.

Several **new members** and occasional visitors introduced themselves: Pat Dunn, Robin Milchak and Robert Krise, plus William Oshall of Beccaria Township Supervisors.

The next meeting will be February 17 at 6:30 PM at the St Thomas Church in Ashville. On a motion by Larry Sutton seconded by Jeff Holtz, the **meeting was adjourned** for informal discussion and Alene's cookies.