

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes
Meeting of January 18, 2005

The meeting was **called to order** by President Strittmatter with the pledge to the flag. Nineteen members were present.

On a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Ray Hollen, the **minutes** of the meeting of December 21, 2004 were unanimously approved.

Shawn Simmers was a visitor/new member at the meeting, and George Letcher Jr., a long-term member, also introduced himself.

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following report:

“During the month of **December**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Dec 1st, 2004 \$4,344.94

Expenses:

None

Deposits:

Dues 40.00

Transfer of Interest from Grant Account 29.93

Bank interest 0.04

Ending Balance, Dec 31st, 2004 **\$4,414.91**

Dues Held for Deposit at 12/31/04: none

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, Dec 1st, 2004 \$4,863.23

Expenses:

Project costs:

Brubaker '04 0.00

Klondike '04 0.00

Klondike '03 0.00

Fish Fund 0.00

Heinz Grant 0.00 (0.00)

Transfer to Regular Account (unrestricted interest) (29.93)

Deposits:

New Grant Awards 0.00

Grant Expense Reimbursement 0.00

Bank interest .04

Ending Balance, Dec 31st, 2004 **\$4,833.34**

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Secretary Arthur Rose reported sending out **dues reminders** and 2004 CCWA Accomplishments summaries to about 150 members and former members of the Association. He also presented a bill for \$134.36 for 200 stamps, 200 envelopes and 2 ink cartridges. On a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Dan McMullen, it was unanimously approved to pay this bill and also a bill from Earl Smithmyer for sodas and other supplies.

Membership chair Bob Funicelli and Jerry McMullen reported 15 renewal and new memberships, and \$345 in dues.

For the Public Relations and Historical Committees, Alene Smithmyer and Pat McNulty reported an article in the **Mainliner newspaper** group describing the Klondike project. Arthur Rose indicated that he had worked with Sean Bartlett to update the **Web site**. Also, Bryan Rabish had sent Sean a photo of the Fish Derby.

For the Tech Committee, Arthur Rose indicated that he has had several e-mail and phone discussions with Jane Earle of DEP and has sent in a Scope of Work form for **the Klondike '04 grant** that will lead to a contract. He will attend a meeting this week in Clearfield concerning the Restoration Plan that must be written as part of the Grant. Clark Cree is submitting an application for a Highway Occupancy permit. Discussion indicated that a permit for the stream crossings needed to enter from the lower end might be feasible. Blair County Solid Waste Authority has scheduled a meeting to approve a final landowner agreement and a Good Samaritan agreement, but has lacked a quorum in the last several meetings. Earl Smithmyer indicated that no report has been received from Mahaffey Labs on samples collected in December. He will check on this problem. Weirs are currently iced up making measurements difficult, and the access road has trees down from the ice storm. A group will go out 1/23 to clear trees.

Rose had not heard anything on the **Brubaker Run proposal**, which is in Harrisburg, but Bryan Rabish reported a recent comment from Pam Milavic in DEP-BAMR indicating that they had made one change in the grant.

The **election** for 2005 was held next. After discussion, it was decided to vote on officers first, and then directors as a second vote. Dan McMullen was nominated by Jerry McMullen for Secretary, in addition to the nominations made in December. There being no other nominations, a motion by Jeff Holtz seconded by Dick Dotts to close the nominations was approved. The candidates were President-Elect, Ed McMullen; Secretary, Jerry McMullen and Dan McMullen; and Treasurer, Larry Sutton. Ballots were distributed, members voted and ballots were collected and counted by Jeff Holtz. He reported the following winners: **President Elect, Ed McMullen; Secretary, Jerry McMullen; and Treasurer, Larry Sutton.**

Regarding **directors**, with the elevation of Jerry McMullen to Secretary, two director positions were open, a 3-year term to fill the expired term of Ed McMullen and a 1-year term to fill Jerry's position. Several members indicated that Stephanie Wharton was in Williamsport on a new job with DEP and had indicated she would have to drop out of the Association. On a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Denny Storm, it was voted to remove her from the ballot. Members then voted between Chuck Sutton and Bryan Rabish for the 3-year and 1-year terms. Ballots were again counted by Jeff Holtz. The results were **a 3-year term for Bryan Rabish and a 1-year term for Chuck Sutton.**

At this point, President Strittmatter turned over the meeting to **new President Smithmyer**. It was moved and unanimously approved that we thank John Strittmatter for his excellent leadership during the past two years. A motion by Jeff Holtz, seconded by Ed McMullen, to give a **plaque to John Strittmatter** was amended by Larry Sutton to include a second plaque for **Jeff Holtz**, and approved unanimously. A motion by Dick Dotts to close the election, seconded by Jeff Holtz, was approved unanimously.

On the **Fishing Derby**, Earl Smithmyer indicated that raffle tickets are planned to be out in March, and that the derby will probably be a week before Memorial Day. Bob Funicelli reported a \$100 donation from the Standing Stone Club.

Last month the Association wrote a letter to the Fish Commission recommending **stocking Clearfield Creek** between Condron and Brubaker Run, plus a second stocking, and stocking Laurel Run. A reply indicated that the Fish Commission was not in favor of these additions because of other acid sources and low pH (<5) in Laurel Run. Robb Piper indicated that he also sent a letter, including the recent assessment data. Discussion indicated that the Association should pursue this topic further in the future.

Larry Sutton reported further investigations of **a laptop computer and accounting software** for the Treasurer. Proposed equipment is a laptop computer for \$650, Quickbooks software (non-profit version) for \$400 and Microsoft Office for \$170. The computer was available at this price only for a few days. The possibility of paying for part of the cost from the Klondike Grant was discussed. Denny Storm seconded by John Strittmatter moved to buy the equipment in the near future and investigate the funding possibilities. The motion was approved.

Bryan Rabish distributed **new brochures**, slightly revised from last year's.

Under New Business, Robb Piper announced that his office was preparing a **Tributary Strategy Plan** for Clearfield Creek and other streams in the region. This report will indicate priorities for improvement of the streams, in terms of sedimentation, nutrients, pollutants and other features including acid mine drainage. He will send CCWA a draft when it is completed, and would like to get a letter of support from the Association. The plan is due February 28, 2005.

Arthur Rose described letters from the Clearfield County Conservation District soliciting letters of support for Growing Greener funding of **three treatment systems on Morgan Run**. A motion to support the funding was passed unanimously. Earl and Alene Smithmyer will write the letters.

The **next meeting** was announced for February 15 at the Prince Gallitzin Park office at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen, the meeting was adjourned for sodas, talk and another sampling of **Alene's cookies**.