

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF January 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. President Smithmyer had each person introduce themselves since there were 3 visitors present-Carl Undercoflar, Rachael Kester, and Yvonne Westover. We want to welcome the visitors. On a motion by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen the minutes from the December meeting were unanimously approved.

Election Committee:

Ray Hollen was not able to attend this meeting due to his work schedule. However, he did provide the ballots to Jerry for the election. At this time the ballots were passed out and the members present had an opportunity to vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Rather than the monthly treasurer's report Larry presented the annual financial statements. These included the following: a Comparative Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2006, a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ended December 31, 2006, and the Notes to the Financial Statements. We want to thank Larry for this very thorough and inclusive financial report. Due to the length of this report, it will be sent as an attachment to those receiving the minutes by e-mail and mailed to those who receive the minutes by mail. The report can also be found on our web site.

Larry also reported that CCWA will need to file Form 990 with the IRS this year since we have received more than \$25,000.00 as income from grant money. Larry had received dues money at the meeting which will be counted and listed in next month's report. Lastly, Larry had an invoice from Earl for \$45.50 which is the recording fee for the Larue's Agreement at the courthouse. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed accepting the annual financial report.

Election Results:

Ballots were counted by Ed McMullen and Chuck Sutton. As a result of the election Larry Sutton was elected Treasurer, Jerry McMullen elected as Secretary, Earl Smithmyer elected as President Elect, and Ray Hollen was elected to the Board of Director's position. We want to congratulate these members.

As this time Earl turned the meeting over to the incoming President-Ed McMullen.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had purchased stamps, a memory stick, labels and an ink cartridge as authorized at last month's meeting. Jerry reported that he had sent out a total of 134 annual mailings as part of the annual membership drive and the Watershed News update. Only about 30 of the 2007 membership cards and dues have been returned so far. Jerry had also revised the letter for the working capital/operating fund drive.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that he is just getting started in the membership drive for 2007.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report, at this time.

Historical Committee:

Alene stated that she had not received any articles to add to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he has incurred some office expenses with the many mailings of invoices to contractors and reports as required by DEP. He would like to purchase stamps, paper, ink cartridge, envelopes, etc. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Jerry McMullen was passed authorizing Larry to purchase the supplies for administration expenses needed to do the job.

Grant Committee:

On Friday, January 12th, Dan McMullen and Earl met Andrienne L. Tandberg from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to look at the Ferris Wheel site. She agreed that 200-250 trees, stakes and tubes will be provided for this project. An analysis of the soil at this site will need to be made in order to determine the type of tree best suited for this location. An aerial photograph will also need to be taken for this project. Shawn will be in contact with Art for the soil analysis. At this time there was a brief discussion about various educational grants that CCWA could apply for. Dan stated that he will look into these.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee:

Tech Committee Report

Klondike Project. During January, it is planned that bidding specifications will be completed by Foreman and Rose.

Brubaker Project. Sampling for the tracer tests was stopped on 12/31, and results are being compiled. John Foreman reported that he is waiting for the results of the sampling from the lab. The report on this project is being prepared.

Ferris Wheel Project. Contract preparation and other preparatory activities are underway.

Amsbry Project. The agreement with the LaRues was signed by CCWA and recorded.

Robindale Energy sampled the piles with a backhoe during the month. Because the ground is not frozen, they decided to defer the project for several months in order to avoid severe mud crossing the ball field.

Glasgow Project. Flushing continues.

Ferris Wheel Treatment Proposal. A design and permitting proposal was discussed with Michelle Merrow of Alder Run Engineering, and the site will be visited with her on 1/19.

Muddy Run Proposal. In preparation by Jen Demchak.

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project- Earl reported that he has been playing a bit of phone tag with a person in Somerset Conservation District about this project.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive- A special meeting, with several members present, was held on January 9th to work on the capital/operating fund drive. The letters to be sent out to both corporate and individual donors were finalized. Larry had copies of a list of businesses taken from both the Cambria and Cresson Area Chamber of Commerce. These were reviewed for potential donors and contact persons.

Larry stated that he has since reviewed the Clearfield Chamber of Commerce list of businesses. There is a potential for 430 mailing addresses from these lists. Much work still needs to be done for this fund drive, since it is still a work in progress, but we want to thank Larry and Dick Dotts for all their effort thus far in getting this very important project off the ground.

It was also suggested that the local state representatives (in both Cambria and Clearfield Counties) be personally visited by a few members to explain our fund drive, the needs and goals. Several members have volunteered to visit both Gary Haluska (Cambria County) and Camille George (Clearfield County).

At this time there was a discussion as to the integrity of the money that will be collected during this fund drive. Earl suggested that the money be placed in a fund and only used for working capital and an operating fund for future projects. It was agreed by all that this is our intention- the money will be placed in a separate fund and not to be spent for general operating expenses.

Muddy Run-evaluation and funding- Kevin Clark reported that both he and Jen Demchak are working on a proposal for this project. They will be reviewing with John the number of samples that will need to be taken. All changes, as suggested by Art, have been made in the proposal.

PennDOT Building- A CCWA member had contacted the Cambria County Conservation District about the E& S Plan that would have been filed for this project. After a discussion it was determined that it is up to the DEP office and not the Conservation District to regulate construction of this salt storage building. It was suggested that we contact the local PennDot office in Ebensburg and/or the District 9 office in Hollidaysburg. Once again, we are NOT accusing PennDOT of any wrong doing but are just concerned about the potential of leeching of salt into Clearfield Creek that is very close by.

CCWA Brochures- review of new format- Bryan Rabish had a few copies of an updated brochure with additional colored pictures. Bryan stated that the Conservation District is willing to assist us with the printing of this brochure. However, it was agreed that we would need several hundred of these brochures if we want to mail a copy with each solicitation letter and have some for general use (fishing derby, Cider Fest, etc.). Bryan was to check on whether he could print these for CCWA if we would reimburse the Conservation District for their cost per brochure.

New Business:

Fishing Derby: It is not too early to plan for the annual fishing derby. Date for the derby is Saturday, May 19, 2007. It was agreed that 2,500 tickets will be printed up for the derby. Prize money will remain the same-\$250, \$150, and \$100.

Roadway/stream cleanup dates-the following dates were established for the cleanups: April 1st- roadway and stream, June 10th-roadway, route 36, August 12th-roadway. and October 7th-roadway and stream. We ask you to please mark your calendars for these dates. Volunteers are always needed.

Other Business: Rachael Kester from the Clearfield County Conservation District asked if we would note the following: their annual Triathlon at Curwensville Lake will be held on May 5th. Volunteers are needed to help out. The CCWA is invited and may have a display at this event. On March 29th the annual awards banquet will be held by the Clearfield Conservation District. Theme is how farming and conservation go hand in hand. All are invited. The Morgan Run Conservation District is holding their quarterly meeting on March 15th at 7PM. Rachael will provide additional information to us about these upcoming events.

**Next Meeting: Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office, 6:30 PM, February 20, 2007.
Please come and join us for this meeting.**

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.

