

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the January 19, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report: By Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer.**

For: Jan 1 - Jan 29, 2010

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<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		
Beginning Balance		\$7,755.68
Deposits	Bank Interest	\$0.19
	Memberships	\$525.00
	Ashville VFW Donation	\$200.00
Expenses	Gerald McMullen - supplies	(\$41.37)
	Mahaffey Labs	(\$112.00)
Ending Balance		<b>\$8,327.50</b>

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<b><u>Grant Accounts</u></b>				
	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,605.94	\$100.61	\$0.00	\$5,706.55
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,350.00)	\$650.00
Blandburg Active C&K	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
Passive(Glasgow)	(\$10,556.59)	\$77,059.59	(\$64,872.00)	\$1,631.00
MuR1 Assessment	(\$4,392.77)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,392.77)
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$6,876.00	\$0.00	(\$1,213.04)	\$5,662.96
FerrisWheel West	(\$3,020.38)	\$3,020.38	(\$75.00)	(\$75.00)
FerrisWheel Reveg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,109.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$1,059.00
Fish Fund	\$3,634.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,634.49
MuR Mapping	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b>\$6,768.65</b>	<b>\$90,680.58</b>	<b>(\$67,560.04)</b>	<b>\$29,889.19</b>

Respectfully  
Submitted:  
Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer

### **Treasurer's Report Continued:**

#### Deposits:

\$335 in Membership to the Gen Fund (\$225 reported at meeting, \$110 at home –received in mail)

\$150 from Ashville Bass Club into the Fish Fund

\$25,000 from Jack Calandra) into the Working Capital Fund

\$30,000 from anonymous lender- Glasgow account

#### Expenses:

\$152 to Mahaffey Labs; Water testing ; Glasgow Project

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\$2,452.50 to New Miles of Blue Stream; Muddy Run Project

\$17.60 to Gerald McMullen; Stamps; General fund

\$60.93 to Dan McMullen; Voice Recorder; General fund

\$100.00 to Damin Printing; Fishing Derby Tickets; Fish Fund

\$59.85 to NeoNexus; Web hosting; General fund

\$650 to Cresson Feed Mill; seed/fertilizer; Dominion Grant

Larry stated that he had several phone calls/e-mails from the Lt. Governor's office to try to get the payment problem on the Glasgow project straightened out.

**A motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had sent a thank you letter out to a woman who renewed her husband's membership in his name even though he had recently passed away. Jerry also stated that he had visited Ben Watt's classroom and was very impressed with the tank, fish, and chart on the wall listing the items the students must check on. He encouraged other CCWA members to visit the classroom and see first-hand the positive experience for the students.

Jerry reported that he spent \$17.60 on stamps and gave the receipt to Dane.

### **Speaker-Ben Watt:**

Ben presented an excellent slide show on the Trout in the Classroom project at the Middle School of Penn Cambria. He had pictures of setting up the tank, sorting of the egg sacks, students working to care for the fish, checking the pH and water temperature, the chart on the wall, etc. He mentioned how excited the kids are to look after the fish and watch their growth. He also mentioned the learning curve for both he and the students. At this time he has 35 fish to be released.

Ben also mentioned that he had talked to Al Colian, the local PA Fish Commission Officer, about co-coordinating the release date of his fish with a trout stocking. This tentative date is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Brian Rabish offered to help Ben do a micro invertebrate study and test the water quality with the students.

Earl mentioned that CCWA would like to make a day of this for the students. We will provide a lunch for the students and would like to take them to Brubaker or perhaps the Klondike site (if we can get into it) and show them first hand what we are working on. Plans will be finalized at our March meeting.

**Membership Committee:**

Bob Funicelli reported that he had received 3 memberships just that day. Several other memberships were received in the mail, one of these a lifetime membership.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray reported that he had 2 articles from the Tribune Democrat to add to the historical book. One of these articles was on the plant to treat acid mine water that is proposed for the Cresson area. The other article was on the editorial page of the paper a few days later noting the positive effect of the plant. Both articles mentioned CCWA and quoted Earl. We are always grateful for the press coverage.

**Finance Report:**

Larry Sutton reported that he and Earl had recently met with Jack Calandra to discuss a donation to CCWA. Larry was very pleased to announce that Jack has donated \$25,000.00 to CCWA. This money will be put into the Capital Account. Also discussed was a line of credit for CCWA since we do not have enough working capital to pay a contractor when the state fails to reimburse us promptly (the Glasgow project mess). CCWA does not have any assets that could be used for collateral to secure a line of credit at a bank. Jack stated that he would assist CCWA in securing a line of credit.

Lastly, Jack stated that he would be willing to help us in meeting with some other potential donors. It is very hard to thank Jack enough for not only his generosity but also for his personal interest in helping CCWA. As Larry stated it does show that our group has some credibility. You have heard me say it many times “thanks for the hard work and support from so many people.”

Others items discussed under finances: setting up a line of credit at a local bank, ways to direct future disbursement of CCWA assets if the group was to dissolve and possibly investing the capital fund in a short term liquid account.

Earl asked that we give a big round of applause to Larry for his hard work and time spent in securing this donation.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan stated that he and Shawn submitted the Dominion grant for 2010. Requested under this grant was money for a flow meter (estimated cost-\$2,000 to \$2,500). Dan and Shawn are also looking into a Home Depot Grant for lumber for weirs, wood for tree stakes and tools for planting of trees.

**Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-February 16, 2010**

Klondike Project A sample collected 1/19/19 showed slightly increased Fe and acidity compared to recent samples, but more than 75% of metals and acidity are being removed.  
West Ferris Wheel Project The design is being finalized by Alder Run Engineering.  
Glasgow Project Field analyses on 2/16 show a pH of about 6.5 for effluent from SAPS 1, and a final outflow pH above 7. An active treatment system is largely constructed and ready to operate at high flows.

Muddy Run Project Report preparation is underway at New Miles of Blue Stream.

Amsbry Project No activity

Swartz Mine Project Alder Run Engineering evaluated the specifications and costs of adding limestone to the channel at this site. The Game Commission indicated that they can construct a road usable by tri-axles to the upper end of the channel. A Letter of Inquiry requesting \$20,000 has been sent to the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. Assuming they approve the Letter, a proposal will be submitted for the March 23 due date. The funds from success of this proposal would be adequate for significant treatment, but more limestone will be needed for complete treatment. Other sources of funding are being sought.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that this area is snowed in for now. He and Dick hope to sample this site in late March.

### **Old Business:**

**Trout Unlimited Stream Assessment**-Earl stated that we have not heard anything lately from TU. He is hoping to have more information for the March meeting.

**Gary Haluska Grant**-there was nothing new to report about this grant. Ray stated that he hopes to visit Gary's Patton office in the next few weeks.

**Tree Planting:** Jerry stated that he had contacted Barry Zaffuto, PA Game Commission, to see when the trees would be available for planting. The trees are to be available in late March or early April. CCWA is to receive the trees that we are purchasing from the Cambria County Conservation District on April 9<sup>th</sup> and hope to plant them on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed for both tree plantings. It is a great time to get out in the field.

**Fishing Derby Tickets:** Ray has the fishing derby tickets available for distribution. He was happy to give all members present 50, 100 or more tickets to sell. Please support the fishing derby by offering to sell or purchase some tickets.

### **New Business:**

**Intern-** Art stated that he received an e-mail from Americor Vista ACCWE about an intern. There would be a cost share of \$5,500.00. We would have to secure some type of grant to cover this cost. After a brief discussion it was decided that we would not pursue this program, at this time.

**Junior Membership:** It was suggested to Jerry during his visit to Penn Cambria that CCWA should consider a Student Membership. After a brief discussion the members present thought we should call this a Junior Membership for ages 15 and under. Annual Junior Membership fee would be \$1.00. As Earl stated "this is not about the money but a great opportunity to get young kids involved and see what we are about." Jerry is to contact Damir Printing for the printing of the Junior Membership cards.

**Monitoring Training:** Kelly William from the Clearfield County Conservation District announced that she is having a stream monitoring training class on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM. There is a concern of possible stream pollution from the Marcellus shale drilling. Dick Dotts stated that he is planning to attend this meeting.

**West Branch Meeting-** there will be a meeting to be held at the DEP Moshannon Office in Philipsburg on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 AM. There will be a presentation of data collected last year on the West Branch of the Susquehanna.

**Board Meeting:** Earl asked that all Board members present stay for a Board of Directors Meeting afterwards. Items to be discussed: choice of bank for the line of credit and with the recent generous donation of \$25,000.00 to the capital account, future disbursement of CCWA assets if something were to happen to CCWA.

**Next Meeting: March 16, 2010, Prince Gallitzin Park Office Conference Room, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.