

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present and one new member-Tex Daniels. There was one visitor present-Becky Dunlap from Trout Unlimited. Both were welcomed to the meeting. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen the minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer s Report

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, February 1, 2007	\$5,411.81
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	210.00
Donation	3.00
Bank interest	0.42
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Office supplies	222.59
Brochures for fund-raising	125.40
Web site fees	14.95
Ending Balance, February 28, 2007	<u>\$5,262.29</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 2/28/07: \$0

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, February 1, 2007	\$6,616.75
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Grant Reimbursement	5,854.36 [Brubaker]
Bank interest	<u>.80</u> [Fish Fund]
Total Deposits	5,855.16

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Amsbry	0.00	→	\$ (45.50)
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	5,854.36	→	0.06
Fish Fund	93.28	→	3,782.71
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	5,947.64		
Ending Balance, February 28, 2007	<u>\$6,524.27</u>		<u>\$6,524.27</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 2/28/07: \$0

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Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report: (continued)

Larry reported that he had received the following for deposit: \$70.00 in dues, \$305.00 in fishing derby tickets and two donations to the fishing derby- \$150.00 from Ashville VFW and \$500.00 from the Allegheny Safari Club. He had also received a reimbursement check from DEP-\$1,062.00 for work done by Cree Surveying on the Brubaker project. Larry had two invoices for payment: NeoNexus-11 months for our website fee and a \$234.00 invoice from PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers. This is the annual charge for our liability insurance. There was also a statement from Fairway Labs. The outstanding balance from this statement will be reviewed by Larry and John Foreman. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was passed accepting the Treasurer's report and for payment of these two invoices.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received the following e-mails this past month: from Barry Wolf explaining that the Friends of Prince Gallitzin State Park have been organized. Chairperson is Teri Coccia and can be reached at terri_coccia@msn.com:from Rob Piper reminding us about the upcoming West Branch Susquehanna Symposium April 27-28 in Williamsport at the Genetti. Art Rose is a speaker at this symposium. Jerry has also contacted Paul Burns from PennDOT and set up a meeting with Paul on-site (route 53, 3 miles north of Ashville) at the new PennDOT building at 2:30 PM on April 3rd. The letter of support to the Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority was drafted, signed and mailed.

Membership Committee:

There were 7 new membership cards that came in. Bob Funicelli continues to work on the membership drive.

Public Relations:

Pat McNulty was not present for the meeting. Alene was presented with a very good article on CCWA written by Justin Edgar, a reporter from the Mainliner. We want to thank Justin for this informative article and press coverage.

Historical Committee:

Alene stated that she will add this article to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that work continues on the over 500 addresses for the Capital/Operating Fund Drive. These are from both Cambria and Clearfield Counties. Larry reminded that we will need to set up a meeting with our local state representatives soon. Also, we will need to set up the meeting for signing of the letters by various members.

Grant Committee:

Shawn Simmers reported on the Ferris Wheel Project: after the meeting with Malcolm Crittenden and Donna Carnahan, DEP, some minor revisions were required to the scope of work. Shawn has forwarded the revisions to Art for review and then to DEP. Art has received a proposed contract from Michelle Marrow of Alder Run Engineering

for work on the Ferris Wheel project- permitting, aerial photography, etc. Art explained the timeline for this project: now through May, permits and aerial photography and August or September before any work will be done. After a review process Art recommended that CCWA accept and sign this contract. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to accept the contract from Alder Engineering for the Ferris Wheel Project.

Dan stated that he continues to work on the grant to the League of Women Voters for educational material, brochures and possibly a camera.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project. We received a letter of approval from the Corps of Engineers for our "Wetland Permit". This is the final permit required for starting construction. Foreman and Rose will now work on finalizing the bidding documents and specifications for release in the next month or so. We also received the Hite Dodson landowner agreement with proper notarization that should allow recording of this agreement.

Brubaker Project. Little progress has been made on this project during the month, but renewed work is planned for the next few weeks to complete the report. Sampling of the main discharges will be done to check on apparent decrease in acidity over the last year, and for upstream sources.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project. Flying of air photos will be done in the near future, followed by preparation of maps.

West Ferris Wheel Treatment Proposal. The proposal for design and permitting of 2 systems is essentially complete, for a cost of \$38,828 plus a match of \$4576. Anticipated contributions of time from CCWA are 30 hours for water sampling and other tasks, 2 days from Larry Sutton for accounting, and 2 days from Arthur Rose for conceptual design and project management. Additional matches are for proposal preparation. The landowner agreement with the Angels Trust has been discussed with Mark Blaisdell of Cooney Bros., and awaits action by the lawyer-trustee for the trust. Letters of support are needed from local groups (townships, Laurel Run Sportsman's Club), Cambria County Conservation, WPCAMR and political representatives.

Amsbry Project. Jim Panero of Robindale Energy reports that they will bond the road for refuse removal. Piles will be removed to original ground and most piles will be reclaimed and vegetated, but ponds will be roughed in at one site, with CCWA advice. Removal will be before June 30.

Glasgow Project. Hedin Environmental suggests that CCWA find a satisfactory contractor rather than an elaborate bidding procedure. Earl Smithmyer is investigating contractors. Phil Schreyer has obtained rights to the land, and we are checking with him about project activities and access. Flushing continues.

Muddy Run Proposal. This proposal is complete and ready for signing.

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project- Earl reported that Eric Robinson from Somerset is to meet with him and Prince Gallitzin Park personnel on March 29th at Glendale Lake to look at the shoreline erosion for an I & E plan.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive-as discussed earlier in the finance report the letters will soon be ready for signatures and members need to meet with local representatives.

Muddy Run-evaluation and funding- Kevin Clark stated that this proposal is complete and a copy sent to Ed. The amount requested for this proposal is \$63,218.31 with \$20,106.00 in matching funds- mainly installation of weirs and water sampling by CCWA members. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the Muddy Run Proposal and also to sign the West Ferris Wheel Treatment Proposal. Lastly, Kevin Clark stated that he is seeking support letters with WPCAMR and local representatives for the Muddy Run project.

PennDOT Building- as reported, a meeting is set for April 3rd, on-site at 2:30 PM.

Fishing Derby-Earl reported that he has lots of tickets available for sale. He would like to have a display for the derby. John Foreman was to work on our fish map and we will work on updating our display board.

New Business:

Roadway/Stream Cleanup- April 1st, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 9AM. Earl stated that he would need to purchase supplies for the cleanup. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Larry Sutton was passed authorizing Earl to spend up to \$120.00 for cleanup supplies. There was a brief discussion as to the need for a Cleanup Committee to post signs and promote our cleanups. A **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed nominating Chuck Sutton and Dave McMullen to this committee. We want to congratulate these two Cleanup Committee members.

Other New Business: Art reported that the West Branch Coalition Group is asking for support from local watershed groups by signing a memorandum of understanding. Art recommended that CCWA show their support by signing this memorandum. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing Ed to sign this memorandum of understanding.

Next Meeting: Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office, 6:30 PM, April 17, 2007. Please come and join us for this meeting.

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

Final Note: The Board of Directors met after the meeting to discuss the board vacancy. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Dick Dotts to the Board. We want to thank Dick for accepting and wish him the best of luck as a Board member.

