

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2008  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed accepting the March minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Regular Account**

Beginning Balance, March 1, 2008		\$6,808.34
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Dues		20.00
Bank interest		0.58
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Postage		82.00
Ending Balance, March 31, 2008		<b>\$6,746.92</b>

**Grant Account**

Beginning Balance, March 1, 2008	\$32,889.90	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Fish Derby donation	100.00	[Fish Fund]
Derby Ticket sales	531.00	[Fish Fund]
Bank interest	2.81	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	633.81	

**ENDING FUND BALANCES**

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Working Capital	0.00	→	\$ 4,789.61
Amsbry	0.00	→	11,884.49
Ferris Wheel – mapping & design	0.00	→	(1,398.90)
KL2 (EPA) - various	0.00	→	11,174.51
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Fish Fund	0.00	→	4,539.00
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	35.00
Total Expenses	0.00		

Ending Balance, March 31, 2008	<b>\$33,523.71</b>	<b>\$33,523.71</b>
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Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

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

Larry reported that he had the following for deposit: \$531.00 from chances sold to be deposited in the Fish Fund, and \$65.00 in dues to be deposited in the general fund.

Larry also reported that he had the following invoices for payment from the general fund:

- \* \$94.60- reimburse Earl & Alene Smithmyer for cleanup food and supplies.
- \* \$59.85- Neo Nexus- internet service provider- for three months.
- \* \$250.00- Wessel & Co.- fee to fill out the I 99 form to be sent to the IRS. Total cost of the invoice was \$525.00. Wessel & Co. donated the difference to CCWA. We want to thank them for a fine job on the report and for the generous donation to CCWA.
- \* \$296.00- PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers- this includes our annual membership fee and the annual liability insurance fee. Although there was a premium increase our liability coverage went from 1 million to 4 million dollars.

Listed below are two other invoices for payment:

- \$192.30- Alder Run Engineering- mapping, copying of the maps and scanning of photos, etc. for the Klondike project, Klondike Fund.
- \$198.00- Mahaffey Labs- ongoing water testing at the Klondike site- to be paid out of the funds received from John Dawes and the Western PA Conservancy.

Lastly, Larry had the following for deposit (Fish Fund) that were received at the meeting:

- Allegheny Mountain Chapter Safari Club- \$500.00, Ashville VFW- \$300.00, Knights of Columbus-Fallentimber Chapter-\$25.00.
- The \$500.00 Dominion's Grant check will be deposited in the Grant Account.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed to accept the Treasurer's Report and to authorize Larry to pay the above listed invoices.

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

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had written two letters to State Representative Gary Haluska that were hand delivered by Ray Hollen and had also drafted another solicitation letter to Mr. Haluska that Ray was to deliver. He will also be sending out several requests asking for a donation to the fishing derby.

### **Membership Committee:**

Five membership cards and dues were received since the last meeting. Just a friendly reminder to anyone that has not sent in his/her dues to please do so.

### **Public Relations:**

Dan was unable to attend this meeting. There was nothing new to report at this time.

### **Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that he had received two articles from Dick Dotts that were in The Progress. One article covered the past month's minutes and the other article was on the award that we received from the Clearfield County Conservation District. At this time

Earl mentioned how great the dinner was and how nice the presentation to CCWA was. We want to thank the Clearfield County Conservation District.

### **Finance Report:**

Larry had nothing to report at this time. Dick Dotts asked if we had any plans to continue our Capital Campaign this year. Larry stated that we did not. Dick thought he would try for a few more solicitations. Donations are always welcome.

### **Grant Committee:**

Shawn Simmers reported that we have received the \$500.00 check from Dominion. Ed and Bryan are to represent CCWA at the official presentation luncheon on Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cleanup Committee:**

The cleanup in April did go well with a total of 22 volunteers. There were several new faces at the cleanup. Earl reported that approximately 100 bags of garbage and 50 tires were picked up. A brief discussion was held as to how we can get more volunteers at our cleanups. A big round of applause was given to Alene, Margie and the ladies for the fine meal and homemade desserts.

### **Tech Committee:**

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

#### **Tech Committee Report**

Klondike Project A set of samples was collected in March and indicates satisfactory treatment of the KL1 and KL2 discharges. Flows and water levels were high (about 220 gal/min for KL2, from which a few gal/min were overflowing). Treatment continued to be satisfactory in mid April.

Brubaker Project In response to a message emphasizing the urgency of some plan for treating the Clay Mine discharge, Pam Milavec of BAMR replied that they recognize the importance of this discharge, but no clear method of remediation is evident, and funding is currently short.

Glasgow Project The contract for a \$174,000 renovation project on this site was signed by CCWA and sent to DEP on 4/9, and has since been sent to Harrisburg for signature by the state. Information on property ownership downstream was gathered, and a Good Samaritan Proposal has been prepared to protect property owners, and CCWA and its members from liability for construction at the site.

Amsbry Project An estimate of \$3750 was received for mapping from air photos, vs. \$3200 for ground surveying. The air photo method will generate a map of a considerably larger area. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed to approve spending \$3,750.00 for aerial photography and a map of the Amsbry site to be paid out of the Amsbry Fund. And also to apply for a Growing Greener grant for design and permitting of the passive treatment system at this site-AM5. Alder Run Engineering was instructed to go ahead with the aerial photography.

West Ferris Wheel Project A meeting was held with Donna Carnahan to discuss this project on 3/26. The contract documents for this Growing Greener Project were

completed and emailed to Donna Carnahan of DEP on 4/8. We await return of the approved agreement from DEP. The submission included a Quality Assurance Plan which will allow us to expend funds for chemical analyses of water samples from the project and vicinity.

West Branch Sampling Collection of samples by Art Rose and Carl Underkofler continues at 7 sites including the mouths of Clearfield Creek and Moshannon Creek, and at two spots on the West Branch, to evaluate the inflow of acidity and metals from these streams to the West Branch. Moshannon Creek is a much larger source of acidity than Clearfield Creek.

Muddy Run Assessment Project A meeting was held by Demchak and Rose with Mario Carrella and others of DEP Moshannon office on 3/26 to discuss the agreement and procedures. The Scope of Work and Budget documents were finalized, and the agreement signed by President McMullen and Treasurer Sutton. The agreement was sent to DEP Grants Office on 4/3. Discussions between Jen Demchak, Sean Bartlett and Art Rose have prepared for a meeting of members to discuss and organize field work. Several maps and a field protocol have been prepared for the project.

Swank 13 Site The status of limestone in the channel at Swank 13 on Gamelands 108 was examined. The bottom 100 ft. of channel has been lined with coarse (1 ft) limestone blocks. The limestone is neutralizing about 20% of the acidity in the discharge but pH is still about 3.5. this discharge ranks with those on Little Laurel and near Amsbry in amount of acidity. A message was sent to the Game Commission urging them to find some way to line the remaining 800 ft of channel with limestone in order to completely treat this discharge.

The following was reported by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering:

Ferris Wheel—Design is complete. Tom Clark of SRBC, Donna Carnahan of DEP's 319 Program, Nathan Havens of PA Game Commission, David Hamilton of OSM, etc. will be meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Blair County Solid Waste Authority site to discuss the potential for using the site to test reforestation under the Appalachian Reforestation Initiative.

MR 7 and MR 8—No Growing Greener funds awarded. This grant application will be submitted through Clearfield County Conservation District for the 2008 Growing Greener grant round. The project is designed and permitting and waiting for construction funding.

MR Tuff Wetland Mitigation---A pre-construction meeting was held on April 4, 2008. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits (i.e. site conditions get drier).

MR Frog---Construction is ongoing. Some issues with material used for berm construction and encountering bedrock were addressed with the contractor this week. DEP, CCCD, the contractor, and Alder Run Engineering met on the site on April 10, 2008, to do a spring walk-through to identify items to be addressed and corrected now that the weather is better.

MR Tuff AMD Treatment System Construction---Work has been stopped while the contractor works on MR Frog. This site was visited along with MR FROG on April 10, 2008 to do a spring walk-through. Several areas with compaction issues were identified, but overall the site is in fair shape.

The Morgan Run Watershed Group will be meeting on May 22, 2008, at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Ohio Church near Morgan Run, and carpooling to see the Morgan Run construction sites. All interested CCWA members are welcome to attend. Michelle will bring more detailed directions to the next CCWA meeting, or anyone coming from the Glendale direction can meet Michelle in Houtzdale to go over to Morgan Run. We will also have a more formal tour of the sites later in the summer on a Saturday after work is finished and the mud dries up. (Ashland is the closest town to the sites that is shown on a map. 4-wheel drive is needed to get to the sites.) MM added this info after the meeting.

The following was reported by Jen Demchak, New Miles of Clean Streams:

NMBS met with DEP and Art Rose to complete the necessary grant paperwork. Art finished this, obtained signatures and submitted it. Jen Demchak and Art Rose have been discussing the assessment and reconnaissance and what is necessary to get the project up and running. They have developed a sampling protocol and preliminary watershed maps with potential group areas outlined. A landowner letter has been written and the group has decided to contact the landowners directly by phone or door-to-door to hand deliver the letter. Chris Clevenstine, who is familiar with the area and landowners, offered to personally deliver these letters. The letter states that an assessment on Muddy Run is being conducted and that a flow measurement device may be placed on your property. Volunteers will be conducting the reconnaissance of Muddy Run and a training session will be held on **May 6th at 6:00 PM** at the Glasgow Treatment site. Additional volunteers are welcome. New pH and conductivity meters will be ordered and handed out at the training session.

### **Old Business:**

**Fishing Derby-tickets & update:** Ray reported that he still has about 225 tickets for sale with a lot out that have not been turned in yet. We will be stocking fish the Friday evening before the derby (May 16<sup>th</sup>) at about 6 PM. Volunteers are needed to help stock. We will be setting up on Saturday morning beginning between 6:30 & 7 AM. Once again, volunteers are needed. Earl will order the Porta-John. Discussed was all food items and donations of food, soda, ice tea etc. Ray will purchase poster paper for the sign that will list all donors and sponsors. Bob sated that he will have enough prizes for 120 kids.

**Watershed Award-** As mentioned earlier, Earl stated that he and Alene attended the Clearfield County award dinner held in March and that the award and plaque presented to CCWA was real nice. Ed stated that this shows what our organization is really about, a good organization with a lot of good people.

**New Equipment-**Jen stated that there is money in the Muddy Run grant, \$1,300.00 for PH meters and for materials to build weirs. We will have to assess exactly what equipment is needed.

**New Business:**

**Award Notice-**President Ed McMullen reported that he had received a letter from the Cambria County Conservation District announcing that CCWA has been awarded the “Watershed Protection Award for 2008.” This award will be presented at the annual Cambria County Conservation District banquet held at the Carroltown Fire Hall, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Tickets may be purchased from the Cambria County Conservation District at \$15.00 each. Once again, THANKS to the many people who make CCWA such a success.

**Media Day-**Ed requested an update on the planning of the Media Day for the Klondike project. Jerry, Dan and Shawn are committee members and stated that they will have a report for the May meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**May 20, 2008, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM. Please note the change in the meeting place.**

**Adjournment:**

On a **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Alene Smithmyer the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

